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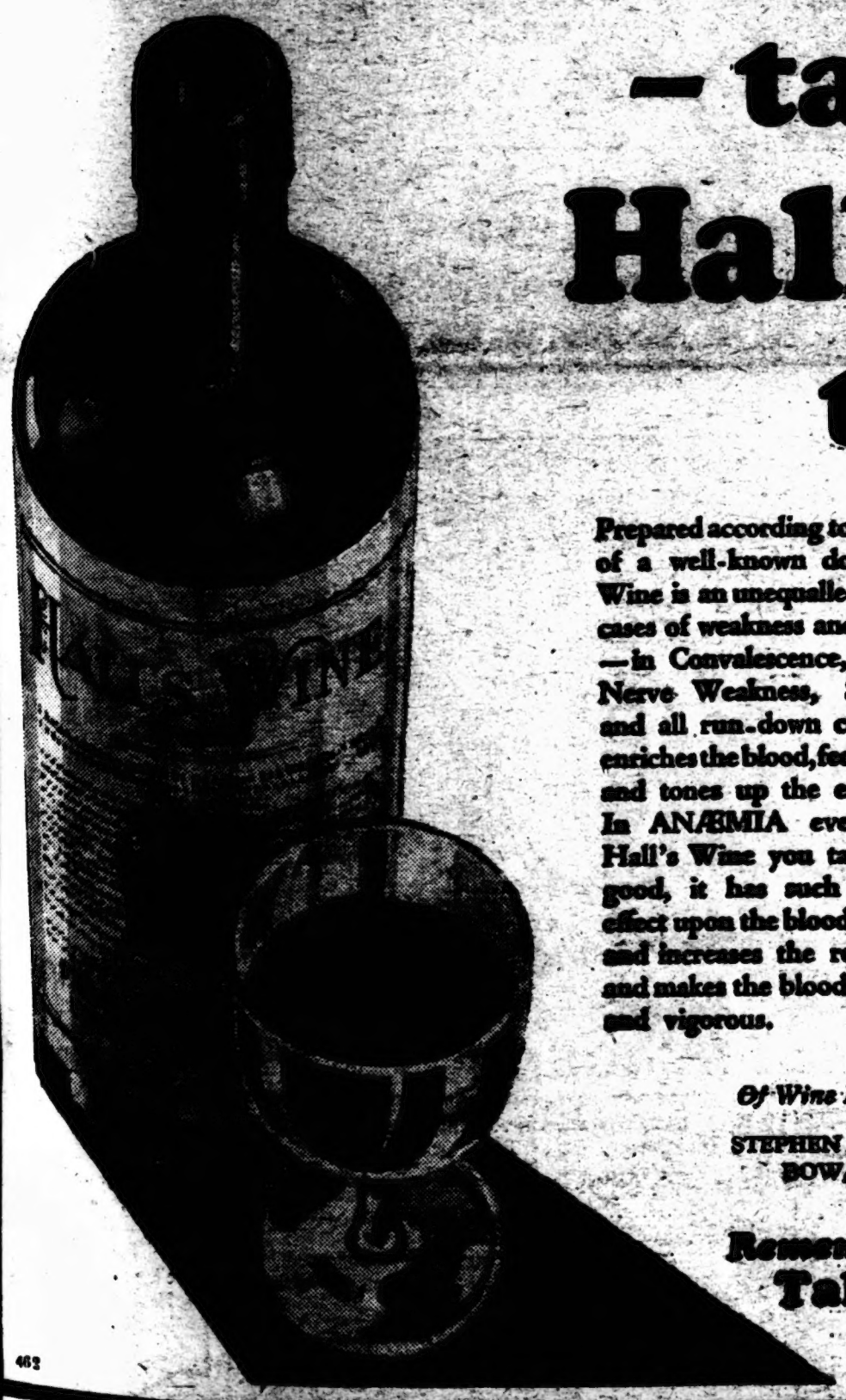

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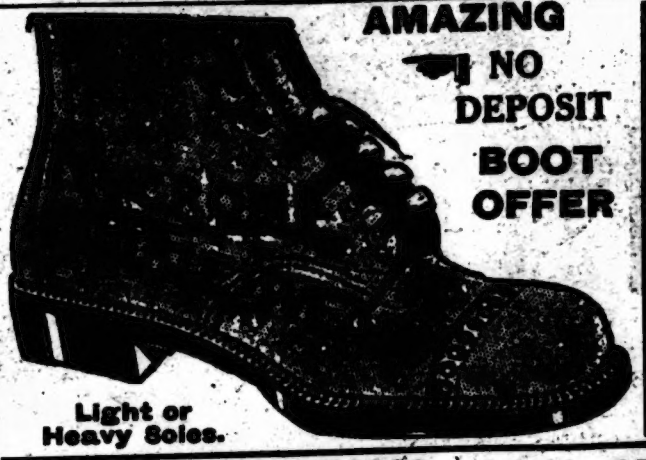

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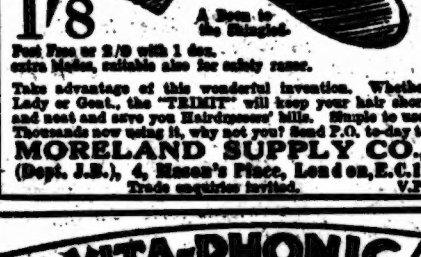

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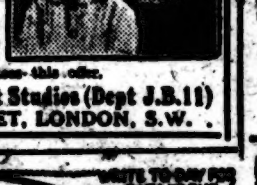

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Fooling.

Parliament daily grows more amazing. While the country looks anxiously to Westminster for signs of sensible policy, time is frittered discussing whether a Cabinet Minister was, or was not, present when a bottle of fizz was auctioned at a night club!

Nature Affronted.

Nature abhors a vacuum and punishes stagnation, while minds left fallow become filled with silliness. Any debate in any session of Parliament will furnish ample proof of these truths!

Where Are They?

While some see only visions of the future, and others merely dream of the past, opportunity waits for real thinkers able to grasp the present as the time for action. If labels keep them apart, then the sooner the labels are scrapped the better.

S'Funny.

Queerer still is the growing habit of Government officials to globe-trot while Parliament is sitting. Visits to neighbours overseas are necessary, but why not during holidays? Intervals between sessions are long enough, in all conscience!

The Weather-Gauge.

In comes Amery, out goes Ormsby-Gore! Official or unofficial, these departures from the Dominion Office should be closely watched. Speeches not backed by responsible opinion can do untold harm.

When the Cat Jumps.

Lord Birkenhead's announcement of the General Election for early summer next year has been called "letting the cat out of the bag."

Not Napping.

To steal a march—to spring a surprise—is the aim of tacticians in politics as in war. The Opposition General Staffs don't necessarily believe all this talk of battle in the summer after next!

The Bill of the Session.

The Cabinet has had to cogitate hard over the new Franchise Bill—giving votes to women under thirty—owing to the efforts to tack on to it various "stunts" of an election-rigging kind. Chief has been the proposal to disqualify voters recently in receipt of Poor Law relief.

Insult to Injury.

With widespread unemployment, and unemployment relief in a state of chaos, such disfranchisement would undoubtedly create tremendous resentment. Of the million or so victims, a large number would be broken ex-Servicemen. Many Conservative back-benchers say frankly that they dare not face the odium of it.

The Old Game.

Heavy going in the League of Nations sub-committee on Arbitration and Security is due to the usual timidity of diplomacy. The world is far sick. It wants lasting peace. Why don't delegates get on with it? What's the game?

Hit Out!

Timid friends of peace are its worst enemies. Language flew when war threatened and even Cabinet Ministers didn't mince words when they set out to recruit. Why they are mealy-mouthed when peace is to be planned would puzzle a Solomon.

Big Business Impatient.

All over the world enterprise and adventure wait on the findings at Geneva. Employed and employer know their arch-enemy is war. Those who build cities to-day want assurance that they won't be bombed, burned and blasted to smithereens to-morrow.

It Is Coming.

The terrible days of war showed many idle people the good there is in work. We foresee a day when any able-bodied man and woman will be ashamed to be a time-waster. Meanwhile, we demand legislation that will set the thousands to work who are unwillingly idle.

Littlehampton's Lack.

The imminent possibility of gales buckling up the old breakwater at Littlehampton brings not only flood danger but sewage menace to local residents. The representative board considering the matter must hasten. Money must be found if health is to be ensured.

Left Too Long.

All round the coastline sea defences are perishing for lack of attention. Don't forget that all work stood still during war years. After ten years the same stagnation is more than disgraceful. It's ruinous.

Line upon Line.

Lunacy alone keeps strong workers idle on the "dole" while the land and its defences rot. We have preached on this text before and shall do so again, and yet again, until a change of policy is secured.

Rolling Round.

More than £500,000 is to be expended on Devon roads this year, and well expended. Road-making is a national duty. If all that wants doing was begun, unemployment would be half solved at a stroke.

Go One Better.

Last year the Post Office had a surplus of close on six millions, and this year's surplus is assured. Our tip is to bring back penny letters and half-penny post-cards. Others, beside the Post Office, would then do a roaring trade.

Long Overdue.

The new Shops Bill will contain unexpected clauses liberating little one-man shops from silly war-time restrictions. We have agitated long for the lifting of a ridiculous embargo.

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Women Alert.

Subjects down for discussion at the Liberal Women's Annual Council meeting include Rates, Local Government, Children, Health, Slums, Unemployment and Education. It's time women of all Parties got busy.

A Sharp Point.

Pins are the latest subject of solemn enquiry by trade-wreckers intent on more tariffs! If they were pricked by a few it might sharpen their wits.

Expert Opinion.

"Barriers which restrict trade reduce the demand for tonnage," says the annual report of the Chamber of Shipping. Exactly. Only a fool would tie up main arteries and then expect the life-blood to flow.

Deceptive.

The much-boasted "two-point drop" in cost of living is accounted for by cheaper butter and eggs. Rent, fuel and bread, absolute necessaries of life for the poorest, remain sky high.

Indictment.

In elementary schools in England and Wales 43,094 children are "taught" in classes of forty and more, and 19,934 in classes of more than fifty. Mass instruction may be cheap, but mass production of half-baked citizens isn't.

Black Pits.

One thousand one hundred and five separate fatal accidents in Great Britain's mines and quarries last year are far too many. Any Government is blood-guilty that does not work unceasingly to make such occupations reasonably safe.

Why Is It?

In spite of the fact that more women than men are mental patients in asylums, no woman is on the Board of Control. The retirement of Sir Frederick Wills gave the opportunity to repair the omission. It is a scandal that it was passed by.

Stark Fact.

In spite of advance in medical science, the health of the workers is not good, and Friendly Societies feel the pull on their resources. It occasions us no surprise. All the medicine in the world is useless against the evils of overcrowding and bad housing.

Topsy-Turvydom.

The more a man works the less healthily he is housed. Stability of Empire rests on good honest labour. It must be protected by decent conditions.

Vigilance.

Stricter watch is to be kept at ports to prevent attempted entry of "gunmen and bandits." Even better would be the prevention of home-made "gunmen" by tightening up the law against carrying firearms.

Not Afraid of Rabbits.

The Minister of Agriculture was laughed out of court for asking Parliament to protect the farmer against rabbits. What the farmer really needs is protection against the vested interests that prey on his produce.

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Poison Again.

Were it not so serious, it would be farcical to report another theft of surgical instruments and poisonous drugs from a doctor's unattended car, this time in Liverpool. When are the owners to be prosecuted as well as the thieves?

Greedy Father.

Why should the State entirely support Leslie Edward Gray, a Chertsey painter, for five months? A man who can take home and eat six herrings while his wife and six kiddies starve is better working in a labour colony to keep his family.

Shares for Workers.

The Bolsover Colliery Company, which employs more than 10,000 men, is proposing to issue 50,000 shares to its workmen at par. The idea is entirely sound. Employees who have an interest in their firm's money are the likeliest to take an interest in its work.

Out She Must Go.

Using a flat in Maida Vale, London, for immoral purposes and professional blackmailing, Ida Voisky, a German, is a public menace. Presumably she has paid her £20 fine. But the recommendation for her deportation should be acted on without delay.

His Best Treatment.

The Norwich County Court Judge is hopelessly restricted in having to order prison for Edward Joseph Cross, if, while living with a woman, he fails in his £1 weekly payments to his wife. A sensible law would put him to work away from women and dock his wages for his wife's support.

Lock It Up!

Four-year-old Alma Barratt climbed on a high chair and drank poison from a bottle which her mother thought was safely hidden away, with fatal results. The advice of the Lincoln coroner to keep such things in a locked cupboard is worth taking to heart by every mother.

Nameless Dead.

The London police are baffled by at least twenty nameless persons found dead or dying in the streets during the last few months. Most were elderly, all were homeless and poverty-stricken, and while unemployment grows the problem will not decrease.

Plausible Fraud.

To obtain subscriptions to "help little ones and cripples" to non-existent meals and holidays was Frances Halin Clarke's way of robbing the public until checked by removal from the dock at West Ham Police Court to prison. Those anxious to help "the little ones and cripples" should do it through recognised institutions. There are plenty.

Too Risky.

"Hands up or I will shoot." Thus jokingly Alfred Chick, a Cardiff butcher, let off a pistol he did not know was loaded at Albert Cogan, and found himself with £1,500 to pay for the loss of his colleague's eye. An old story, with death too often its finale, we can only reiterate, "Never in fun point gun or pistol at anyone."

The Sane Method.

In the hope of absorbing a goodly proportion of the abnormal unemployment in the Abergwynfi and Maerdy areas, the Glamorgan Roads and Bridges Committee is asking the Minister of Transport for a grant for furthering their inter-valley road schemes. It contends that it is better to pay for useful work than to spend money on relief, and thinking persons will cry "Hear, hear!"

Kindly Justice.

The Kingston-on-Thames magistrates dispense sense as well as justice. They sentenced Charles Austin, of Euston Crescent, N.W., to a month's hard labour for snatching a £5 note from a man in a railway carriage. He pleaded that prison meant the loss of his war pension. The magistrates accordingly altered the sentence to a fine of £10. They gave Austin a chance which, we hope, he will not spoil.

Meandering Mercy.

Three months ago, Alfred Mogford, of Tolworth, was fined £4 for cruelty to a horse. He was charged recently with a similar offence and was only fined £2. The magistrates tempered justice with mercy to an unnecessary degree, and we don't admire them.

"Tragic" Indeed.

A Manchester employer, writing to a local journal, says: "I received twelve hundred replies to my advertisement for a handy man. Twelve hundred men for one job! Tragic!" And what becomes of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's cowardly sneer that men have to be driven to work?

Prison Week-ends.

Glasgow magistrates suggest a new cure for convicted wife-beaters, that they should be allowed to follow their ordinary work during the week, and compelled to serve their sentences at week-ends. If this scheme becomes law, domestic brutes will be more rare, and wives and bairns assured of wages on which to live.

Worthy Doctor.

Willingly we pause to think of the doctor who, finding an injured tramp on the road at Apsley, took him in his car to his surgery, attended him and sent him to hospital. He who can bring the charm of an age-long parable into the rush and stress of modern times, truly honours the Creator of the "Good Samaritan."

Age No Bar.

Age is no bar to pure courage, as Mr. Richard Hawkins, a sixty-four-year-old tin worker of Forest of Dean, proved when a three-year-old boy fell into the river Lyd. Though unable to swim, he plunged into the flood current, and though nearly drowned struggled so successfully that he rescued the baby, which had already been carried over a mile. May both survive the experience and be none the worse.

The Human Machine

Be Straight

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

THE human machine is not often born with a twist in it. People who are warped are warped in the making—they are rarely born so.

They get twisted by bad environment, warped by wrong education, mentally stunted by physical handicaps.

But there is nothing that so quickly warps a man nor warps him so badly as wrong thinking.

The spirit that is diseased, the mind that is resentful and subtle, is the result of the brain that thinks morbidly, thinks loosely and illogically, broods over and feeds on its own rottenness.

Thoughts do not come unbidden. Thoughts are made. You can think what you will.

THINK straight and you will act straight. Think honestly and you will act honestly. Think truthfully and you will be truthful.

It pays to be honest—*but it pays to be honest with yourself most of all.*

Lots of people who are scrupulously honest with others cheerfully deceive themselves. They blame others for things that are entirely their own fault. They say, "I can't help it!" when all the time they jolly well *know* they could help it if they only took the trouble.

And to deceive yourself is the first step towards deceiving others.

Don't do it; be honest with yourself at all costs. There is no other way to contentment and peace of spirit.

Certainly Not!

When the building operatives employed by the Cardiff Guardians asked for a week's holiday with pay, the request met with a curt refusal. This is the sort of cheeseparing meanness that gives rise to so much industrial distress, and we hope the day will soon dawn when every worker in the country will be entitled to a fortnight on full wages.

Sound Sense.

Sir Granville Ryrie, High Commissioner for Australia, strikes a true note in insisting that when emigration is under consideration at least as many women as men should be expected to colonise. To make it easy for men to go to a new land and not women is to open the door to many evils, of which wife desertion in the Old Country is not the least.

Fatal Laxity.

Too late, Herbert Hill, director of Messrs. Frearson and Co., Ltd., did what he could to save Miss Mary Johnson, a typist, from being burned to death in a fire on his Grimsby premises. As a veterinary chemist, he should never have been allowed to use offices described by the factory inspector as a death trap. There's been some strange laxity somewhere.

Bad Speculation.

It is pretty disgraceful that, with the present state of farming, Herbert J. C. Knight, a Bromley seed merchant, should not have scrupled to ruin local pastures by selling New Zealand clover seed for genuine Kentish. But his scandalous profit of £1,270 probably does not seem worth it now that he has £300 to pay and twelve months' imprisonment to undergo. And serve him right, too!

The Big Majority.

"At least a fifth of the nation are living in houses which are, or will become, the property of the occupiers," says Mr. Arthur Henderson. So far, so good. But does he or any other M.P. believe that the 50,566 houses under construction and the 95,239 authorised but not yet started are an adequate contribution towards provision for the remaining four-fifths.

The Best Subsidy.

Manchester numbers 20,000 overcrowded houses, besides many undesirable for residence, and 1,000 with the most indecent sanitary and limited water arrangements. Worse, 30 per cent. of the 11,000 applicants on one list alone for houses are unable to pay Corporation rents. Councillor Mellor's plea for civic enterprise to subsidise building must be taken up seriously and at once.

Hen-house Home.

In December last, John Henry Reynolds and his wife, along with their five bairns, were turned out of a comfortable home at Manchester for non-payment of rent. Failing to get a Corporation house, they had to use a hut, formerly a hen-house, as a "home." For doing so Reynolds was fined 40s.—which is one way of helping a family to solve their problem, but one that would only occur to lunatics!

What the Duchess Said.

"The magnificent bravery of him. Isn't it stupendous?" asked the Duchess of York when a crippled miner, paralysed from the waist down by a fall of rock, was presented to her as a clever composer by the Salvation Army. Stupendous, too, is the bravery of those still waiting for justice in the devastated industry. Why, after such a tribute to miners' bravery, does the Government still sit tight and do nothing?

Unteachable Girls.

That casual joy-rides are dangerous was discovered by two girls visiting Birmingham, whom Frederick James Lowther, a married man owing £45 to his wife on a maintenance order, offered to drive home. Once in his car, he produced a loaded revolver and threatened to shoot them. He is now in prison for "outrageous behaviour," but how many more such warnings will be needed before young girls learn to be discreet?

Manchester Muddling.

The Opera House, Manchester, has been refused permission by the Watch Committee to have two nightly shows because it has a full Excise licence. The Palace Theatre, Manchester, has been granted permission for two nightly shows so long as their full Excise licence is not used. What a foolish tangle!

Smart Work.

With flames shooting from his vehicle, Mr. Hubert Cawthorne began removing the mail-bags he was under contract to carry, and succeeded in saving all. Then, despite minor burns and loss of his conveyance, he proceeded with his load by car and arrived at Whitewell, his destination, only an hour late. A fine piece of work carried through without a thought of self!

Shocking Cruelty.

Shivering, dirty and half naked, the three-year-old boy of Thomas Taylor, of Sandiacre, and Lettie Toon was forcibly kept all day in an out-house, until Nemesis descended and the so-called parents were sent to prison for a month. If the sight of a couple heaping untold woes on the child of their illicit union is the outcome of our boasted civilisation, it is time we returned to a state of nature, where parenthood is the chief business of life!

War-Time Heroism.

Quietly, without newspaper fuss, risking a painful lingering death, Miss Mary Davies, nurse at the American hospital in Paris, in 1915, inoculated herself so as to produce a state of gas gangrene, and so proved the efficacy of Dr. Taylor's cure that eventually saved thousands of lives. Her recent death reminds us that the cause of her great self-sacrifice was war. Our strivings must be for the cause of peace, for which such self-sacrifice is alone justified.

Despicable Offence.

When P.-C. Copplestone saw a mare in East Molesey in very great pain, Arthur Filby, the owner, endeavoured to cover up the sores with dirt picked up from the road. He then offered the constable £5 to let him go. Yet, when the R.S.P.C.A. inspector proved that the accused was an old offender, with several convictions for cruelty, the Bench merely sentenced him to one month's hard labour. Why not six? The gentleman needed a real lesson.

Foolish Youth.

In spite of parental objections, the Pontlottyn Stipendiary is allowed to give his blessing to the marriage of a boy of twenty with a girl of nineteen, on the ground that our forbears mated even younger! But we are all against the principle. Marriage before the man has a reasonable wage or the woman is physically capable of childbearing brings disaster, not so much to them, as to the children whom they cannot under these conditions bring up properly.

His Legacy.

Rather than send his fifteen-year-old boy, who earns money to help the family, to a school for mental defectives, Henry Smith, a Tower borough council employee, has gone to prison for a week, laughing up his sleeve that he has left his wife and ten children for the State to support. Disgraceful! Yet this boomerang returning to the hand of justices should convince them more forcibly than anything we could say of the folly of thinking prison sentences are a oure for all ills.

Slaves of Poverty.

Thank heaven for magistrates like Mr. Clarke Hall, of Old Street. A girl of seventeen, who had left poverty-stricken South Wales to be a servant in the household of Samuel Toffle, of Pelham Street, E., was arrested on Toffle's allegation that she had stolen some clothes. The girl's evidence was that she was ill-treated, had repaid part of her fare from Wales, and intended to pay 5s. a week for the coat. Mr. Clarke Hall found in her favour, and sent Toffle away with a flea in his ear. It is time that the practice of getting poor Welsh girls to be the servants of aliens in London was rigorously watched.

"Kiki" Calling!

"Hundreds of people to-day would not part with 'Kiki' for anything." It is claimed to have brought good luck to owners in racing, football, whist drives, etc., and many people have obtained employment after purchasing a "Kiki" mascot. This ridiculous claim is made on a circular left at houses in working class districts. We hope readers will find better use for their money.

Exalted Doctor.

We have had to levy criticism against Dr. E. W. Wynne, the man of many degrees, on more than one occasion; but, in finding fault with his various fantastic financial schemes, we have unconsciously denied him all the notoriety that is his desire. We have always referred to him as plain "Doctor," but we now find that he likes to be known on occasion as "His Excellency." He also boasts a crest, together with a Latin motto, meaning "I serve humbly." Well, now we know!

Schneider Tries Sob-Stuff!

Following our exposure of the Globe Import Company, we have been favoured by a visit from Mr. Schneider, its leading light. He tried unsuccessfully to move us with tales of his efforts to fend for an ever-growing family, but we reminded him that small traders all over the country, who had sent him money for matches that had never materialised, were faced with similar struggles. Complaints continue to reach us, and it really seems desirable that the police should step in.

Costly Job-Seeking.

When a gentleman, who is out of work, recently advertised for a post, he received a curious communication from a general contractor named C. Lockley, of Stanley Range, Mill Hill, Blackburn. He was informed that C. Lockley—who didn't even sign his letter—was "disirous" of obtaining a clerk, and that by sending his "refference," together with a remittance for £10, he could obtain an interview. It is fortunate that other employers do not impose such unheard-of conditions.

Henry Allen's Long Arm.

A few weeks ago a Welsh reader advertised for a partner with capital and was approached by Andrew Smail, of Church Road, Bebington. The latter asked for full particulars and later sprang a surprise by revealing himself as an agent for the London Financial Service, Ltd., of Fleet Street, London, who put up a proposal for forming our reader's business into a limited liability company. Of course, he knew all about Henry Allen Ashton's precious service, and promptly turned down the offer. It pays to be a JOHN BULL reader.

Rubbish "To Be Called For."

Attractive bargains are offered in the circulars of Messrs. Williams and Co., of Milton Street, London, which are thrust through provincial letter-boxes with the intimation that they will be called for. Wise housewives will turn a deaf ear to any persuasive offers made by the representative who may call. No such firm is to be found in Milton Street in the latest directory, and the promised bargains are merely intended to arrest attention preparatory to forcing a doorstep sale of some inferior article.

Mr. Leon P. Levy.

With reference to the articles which appeared in our issues of October 22 and December 31 last concerning a gang of forgers, Mr. Levy, whose name was used as an alias by members of the gang, is of opinion that a reader might form the erroneous impression that he himself was in some way connected with the gang. We wish to make it perfectly clear that his only connection with it was that of an unfortunate victim, and we take this opportunity of congratulating him on his public-spirited action in bringing the gang to justice.

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to FOUR REGISTERED READERS.
(See page 2.)

Problems of Life

Don't be a Busybody

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

THE news of the death of Earl Haig reached me while I was abroad. In the course of my travels I had paused at an out-of-the-way spot not much visited by tourists, and was seated at a table in a small restaurant.

The late Earl Haig

A gentleman whom I took to be an American because of his accent, but who turned out to be a Canadian from Vancouver, walked up to me and said, "Have you heard the sad news about Earl Haig?"

"No," I answered, "what is it?"

"He is gone," was the rejoinder, "and the Empire loses one of the most disinterested men who ever served it."

Some days passed before I heard any more. Then British newspapers became available, and I read eulogies of the distinguished soldier, some of which struck me as extravagant in relation to the part he played in the Great War.

BUT I believe the spontaneous tribute of my Canadian acquaintance came as near the truth as anything that has been said or written.

It reminds me of what one of Haig's former comrades-in-arms said about him when he was appointed to the supreme command of our Army on the western front.

It was somewhat as follows: "Haig is not a great man; he is not an exceptionally able man any more than Kitchener is. But, like Kitchener, he takes his job seriously and sticks to it without making any fuss about it. He is not out for himself either, and you will see that when the work is done he will keep out of the limelight as much as he can."

Events have proved the correctness of this statement, and I remember with equal vividness a subsequent remark of the same speaker.

He said: "Haig will tolerate no dereliction of duty on the part of a subordinate. You will not be allowed to fail him more than once, no matter how influential you may be; but outside that limit he is the most forbearing person alive. He hectors nobody, meddles with nobody, and does not consider that he has any special qualification for teaching other people their business."

THE number of people who put their hearts into their own specific work in life is not great; but the number who arrogate to themselves the right to criticise, censure and control others and make a nuisance of themselves generally by interfering in matters that do not concern them appears to be increasing.

Let other people alone, unless you can help them, and do not be too sure that they need you even then.

Refrain from being a busybody. You will help the world best by keeping your hands off your neighbour's moral obligations and concentrating on your own.

COMPANY SENSATION: Startling Revelations

A QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED

What Does Lord Askwith Say?

WHAT is the mystery surrounding the dog-racing track that is being established on the site of the derelict White City, at Stretford, near Manchester?

A company, called the White City (Manchester) Greyhound Association, Ltd., was formed last November to acquire this site, and an appeal, launched in an attractive prospectus, asked the investing public to participate to the tune of £200,000.

This is hardly surprising when one learns that many well-known names appeared on the prospectus as directors of the association, including those of Lord Askwith, K.C.B., K.C. (as chairman), Lord Wodehouse, C.B.E., and Captain Miles William Arthur Peel Graham, M.C.

Early trouble

The appeal was also backed up by reports from well-established surveyors, intimating that the ground selected was eminently suitable for dog-racing, and the prospectus stated that the venture might reasonably be expected to realise huge profits, all of which is no doubt correct.

Already, however, trouble has ensued. This is attributable to the fact that several shareholders have become possessed of information which has put them at variance with the directors over the manner in which the prospectus was compiled.

So serious do they consider the matter, indeed, that a special committee of shareholders has recently been proposed to make enquiries, and if so advised to institute legal proceedings against the association on the ground that certain material facts were withheld from the prospectus.

Their chief objection is that the promoters before the issue of the prospectus were well aware that they would be faced with the strenuous opposition of the Stretford Urban District Council.

Anxious to obtain further information on this very vital point, we pursued enquiries in Manchester, where an interview was obtained with the Clerk to the Stretford Urban District Council.

Agreeing that his council was strenuously opposed to the scheme, this official stated that every available instrument would be used to uphold the rights of the local citizens, because the White City site is the subject of an interim development order under the Town Planning Acts.

Omitted point

Why this all-important point was omitted from the prospectus is a question which must be answered—particularly as the official approval of the town-planning proposals was made widely known as far back as 1924.

But let us go a step further and ascertain who acquired the land in the first place for the ostensible purpose of utilising it as a racing-track. The White City (Manchester) Greyhound Association, Ltd., is not the original purchaser!

The site was first acquired by a concern called Canine Sports, Limited.

But this company, apparently, had no desire to retain it for its own uses, and sold it immediately to the association, which was formed ex-

Lord Askwith, K.C.B., K.C., Chairman, White City (Manchester) Greyhound Association, Ltd.

pressly for the purpose of purchasing it for £55,000.

What is known of Canine Sports, Ltd.? It was formed as recently as September last, with a nominal capital of £100, which was subsequently increased to only £4,000.

Uninspiring record

The directors of Canine Sports, Ltd., are a Mr. Leon Vint, of Great Portland Street, W.; a Mr. Harold Burns, of Oxgate Gardens, Cricklewood; and a Mr. Harry Heading of Museum Chambers, Bloomsbury, W.C.

Mr. Leon Vint, whose office at 142, Long Acre, until recently served as headquarters for both Canine Sports and the White City Association, has an uninspiring financial record.

Last October he underwent his public examination in the Bankruptcy Court, and, against liabilities of £15,483, he marshalled assets amounting to exactly £2 3s. 11d.!

He admitted that he had been living at the rate of £3,000 a year, while only earning £600.

One company of which he was director had a claim against him for £9,000, borrowed from it for personal expenses, while £1,500 represented betting transactions.

Now let us look at Mr. Harold Burns. He was a director with his father of J. I. Burns, Ltd., which until recently carried on business in Castle Street, W., as vegetable, fruit and produce salesmen.

In recent months J. I. Burns, Ltd., has ordered huge consignments of produce at home and abroad. These have been disposed of, but many of its creditors have not been paid, and it is now in liquidation with liabilities of more than £12,000!

And what of Mr. Harry Heading, who was also a director of J. I. Burns, Ltd.? He was once known as Aaron Solomon Cohen, and was a director of the Ubique Trading Company, Ltd. Its office was also at 142, Long Acre, and it, too, is now in liquidation.

Profits for promoters

Another concern housed in the same office, and of which Heading was also director, was the Finance Guarantee Co., Ltd. This, too, came to liquidation after a notorious career.

One of the ventures fostered by the Finance Guarantee Co. was the Consolidated Produce Co., Ltd., which was formed to acquire and develop cotton and tobacco estates in Rhodesia.

This latter concern failed in a very short space of time, but some very inordinate profits were to be grabbed by its promoters.

One man was to purchase the properties for £143,500, and was to sell them on the same day to another for £154,000.

Then, also on the same day, the latter purchaser was to resell to the Consolidated Produce Co. for £220,000—a profit of no less than £10,500 for the first and of £66,000 for the second!

In this venture the liabilities amounted to £39,046!

Heading also sat on the board of the Prudential Share and Debenture Corporation, Ltd., which, after an inglorious career, has just been wound up by Mr. Justice Romer.

There are a number of other company disasters with which Heading was associated, and a creditor was even forced to bring an action against him in the Westminster County Court to recover money due for work carried out at offices occupied by companies of which Heading was a director.

Scathing comment

It was at the termination of this case that Judge Sir Alfred Tobin made some very caustic comments:

"Heading," he exclaimed, "is apparently a contemptible coward. He instructed his counsel to cross-examine the plaintiff on various points with a view to inducing me to believe that he had committed perjury. Heading has not dared to go into the witness-box to be cross-examined, and has fought this case with poisoned weapons."

What a precious trio of financial geniuses, then, are to be found in the background in this latest greyhound venture.

It, of course, goes without saying that Lord Askwith and his colleagues cannot have been aware of the facts we have here been able to reveal, but doubtless they will now lose no time in instituting the fullest enquiries.

A Penalised Postman

High-handed Injustice

TO kick a man when he is down is about the wickedest form of injustice in the average person's code of ethics; yet James McCulloch, of Girvan, Ayrshire, is a hapless man who has been brutally kicked by those who should know better.

McCulloch is an ex-postal employé of long service. He is nearly fifty-five, and apart from being afflicted with a badly mutilated right hand, he has endured a serious nervous illness.

It was when not fully recovered from the effects of his nervous disorder that he fell, and stole 15s. from the post office where he was employed. This thoughtless lapse was speedily discovered; McCulloch was arrested and brought up before the Sheriff.

Stiff punishment

Fully contrite, he made no effort to cover up his guilt, but made a full and free admission of his lapse. He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, but the Sheriff's personal feelings may be gathered from the fact that he remarked that it was "a most agonising case."

McCulloch served his sentence and, of course, lost his job, which, to most people, would seem a pretty stiff punishment for the thoughtless theft of 15s.

But certain higher authorities, however, did not accept the view that the offender had expiated his crime. They were not content with seeing the unfortunate fellow down and out, and proceeded to administer one or two hearty kicks.

In addition to serving in prison and losing his job, McCulloch had to forfeit all the credit of his long service and to forgo his rights under the Superannuation Act.

Rule to rule out

Even when his wife, herself an invalid, pointed out the injustice of this added punishment to the Postmaster-General, she was coldly informed that it was an inflexible rule that dismissal from the service should imply forfeiture of all rights to any pension or gratuity.

Unable to rise against this "kick," McCulloch turned to his union, the Postmen's Federation, into whose coffers he had paid regular contributions for thirty years. Here, he felt, he must receive some sympathy.

But, like the postal authorities, the union cherished an inflexible rule which it proceeded to apply to the fallen "brother."

Though nearly £50 would have been due to him in ordinary circumstances, it granted him only £10 because of his dismissal.

Where is the justice of such an attitude on the part of the Post Office and the Postmen's Federation.

If it is a rule, we can only say that it is a very unfair rule and should be speedily altered, so that men who have already expiated offences in the eye of the law should not be subjected to further penalties.

BEWARE THE WEEPING CROOK!

HAWLEY THE TOPICAL HOAXER

Snips Among the Tailors

IT is our intention here to expose a very resourceful criminal, a man who could undoubtedly win fame and fortune if he were to apply his subtle brain to legitimate commercial enterprises, but who prefers to win his luxuries by following a career of persistent roguery.

He is known as Frank Hawley, and he has been operating throughout the country for some time past with remarkable impunity. Unlike other crooks of the super class, he favours no special "line," but operates in a hundred different ways.

As a general rule, he is apt to focus his attention upon some topic of the hour, trading upon public interest with uncanny cleverness.

To aid him in his endeavours he has the gift of a compelling personality. He is nearly 6 ft. in height, possesses clean-cut features and wistful hazel eyes.

Ingenious story

Recently he hit upon the plan of making money out of the floods that were ravaging the country and for the occasion he prepared a pleasing little story that had the dual merit of being convincing and ingenious.

He selected Kent as the field of his endeavours, being well acquainted with that fair county as a native of Maidstone, and also having worked throughout the county many years ago when legitimately employed in a motoring business.

A typical instance of his flood frauds is afforded by the experience of a Kentish tailor whom Hawley duped only a week or so ago.

Exceedingly well-dressed, but with downcast countenance, Hawley called upon the tailor one morning and explained that he was in great distress, having been the victim of a cruel bereavement.

Though he only let drop vague hints as to the nature of his trouble at first, his acting was so superb that he quickly aroused the tailor's interest and sympathy.

The final card

Then he mentioned the name of a well-known customer at the establishment as having been a great friend to him in his distress, and as one whose kindness he could never hope to repay.

It was this worthy gentleman, he explained, who had recommended him to the tailor as a person qualified to assist him in a pressing difficulty.

The customer's name carried great weight with the tailor, and he lent a ready ear because he knew that the gentleman in question had a praiseworthy reputation locally for being kind-hearted and charitable.

Hawley appeared almost reduced to tears when he played his final card, and explained that he required a suit of mourning, with an appropriate overcoat, as he had to attend the funeral of his dear mother, who was one of the unfortunate victims drowned in the recent floods.

His difficulty lay in the fact that he had been summoned to the scene at a late hour, and was therefore at a loss to know how or where he could obtain the necessary mourning at such short notice.

His sympathy now fully aroused, the kindly tailor agreed to furnish the desired garments as speedily as possible, and when they were handed over to him, Hawley tendered a cheque in full settlement.

But the cheque quickly came back marked "No account," and the tailor realised that Hawley's insistence upon haste had been made solely in order that his victim should have no opportunity of verifying the "recommendations" or instituting any enquiries.

If this were an isolated example of Hawley's roguery, it would be sufficient to stamp him as a hypocritical hoaxer of no mean ability.

But the truth is that this coup has been repeated not once, but scores of times, and Hawley has duped innumerable tradespeople with similar "touching" stories, scattering his worthless cheques as freely as the "scent" in a paper-chase.

It will be interesting and instructive, therefore, to look a little more closely into his affairs, and ascertain where he acquired these cheques in the first place.

At Hertford recently there was a burglary, of which the self-same Hawley was the instigator. Amongst the booty obtained were two cheque-books, and it is by misusing the blank cheques contained therein that he has succeeded in adding so triumphantly to his list of victims.

Artful inscription

He does not always confine his efforts to the art of obtaining goods in return for worthless cheques. In some of his flood exploits he has found dupes to cash cheques purporting to be made out in his favour by the chief cashier of the Admiralty.

One such cheque even bore the bogus inscription, "O.H.M.S. Flood Relief Fund."

Amongst various other exploits,

Frank Hawley

Hawley has lately obtained a number of motor-cycles from various dupes by false pretences, and many complaints have reached the police. At one time or another he has favoured the aliases of Young, Walker, James and Craig.

In his motoring activities he favours similar methods to those employed by that king of rogues, James Solly, alias Archie Kay, Deakin Ainsworth, Captain Ainsworth, and Samuel Hertzfield, whose amazing cheque frauds we exposed under the heading "A Plum-Coloured Plunderer" only a few weeks ago.

Solly has now been arrested at Chester, and sentenced to five years' penal servitude. We trust, therefore, that this timely exposure of Mr. Frank Hawley will be followed just as rapidly by suitable official action.

If any reader is able to recognise him from the portrait reproduced above, he should communicate with his local police at once.

FLOYD THE FLAMBOYANT

A MAN WITHOUT A CODE

UNDER the heading "A Dancer's Infamous Letter," it was recently our duty to direct publicity to a gentleman called Floyd Du Pont, who had been advertising for what he chose to term "Girls, odd types, different." He described himself as a theatrical producer.

Our readers will recall that we denounced him for having sent a letter to a young girl, couched in the most indelicate terms.

Hurried visit

In his own words, he wanted girls of good figure to work as models in and around London in the evenings and to pose for him in the nude during the day.

"If you accept interview," he concluded, "you must come prepared to show your figure in nude."

In commenting that no mother would wish her daughter to be addressed in the intimate terms employed in this particular letter, we urged the authorities to take action in the matter.

Results followed very swiftly upon our exposure. In the first place, we were favoured with a hurried visit from Mr. Floyd Du Pont, an American of imposing stature and physique.

Apologetic pose

Mr. Du Pont was most apologetic, and protested that, being an American, he did not know the English customs.

Our rejoinder was that whatever liberties were permitted to theatrical producers in the United States when approaching young girls whom they had never seen, such licence could not be tolerated here.

Mr. Du Pont promised not to offend again and, thanking us for having guided him in the matter, withdrew.

But we had not heard the last of him, for very soon afterwards we were visited by a detective from Scotland Yard.

We gladly accorded him access to our dossier and rendered all the assistance that lay in our power.

The result was that the police soon discovered that Floyd's ignorance was not confined to the fact that British people would not permit the post to be used for such dubious propositions.

It transpired that he was unaware that he was required to register as an alien. How he could be so ignorant is difficult to imagine, for the regulations are clearly stated on all passports.

Regulations ignored

At any rate, the fact remains that he ignored the regulations, and the sequel was enacted the other day at Bow Street, when Du Pont was charged before Mr. Fry with having contravened the Aliens Act.

He did not appear as Floyd Du Pont, but in his real name of Emil Conrad Koeber, and the objectionable letter referred to was obtained from us and handed up to the magistrate, together with a copy of our exposure.

Send him away!

"He is not charged with writing indecent letters," was the magistrate's ultimate comment, "and I cannot order his deportation. The Home Secretary, however, can take such steps if he thinks the police enquiries justify it."

That, unhappily, is only too true. Before a magistrate can recommend the deportation of an alien, he must be satisfied that the offence with which he is *charged* warrants such a step.

But with the Home Secretary it is very different. He has the power to order the deportation of *any* alien whose presence in this country is, *for any reason*, considered undesirable.

In these circumstances, we would urge Sir William Joynson-Hicks to go into this case very carefully.

MALET'S LITTLE KNOCK

MILK, MONEY AND MUGS

Much Too Nebulous

INVESTMENTS to suit all tastes are not wanting. Even milk is held out as an inducement. Promises of wonderful returns are not wanting either—in fact, they seem too good to be true

ORIGINALITY has its merits, and therefore a certain amount of thanks must be accorded to Mr. A. H. Malet, of Cambridge Terrace, Hyde Park, London, who is anxious to launch one of the most ambitious schemes imaginable.

For a true appreciation of his especial qualities of originality we must go far beyond Hyde Park and take a penny peep at Burma.

Mr. Malet is at present on leave from Burma, and he recently made this fact known in an advertisement in a well-known daily paper.

Startling discovery

He there explained that he would like to meet "one or two gentlemen" willing to invest sums ranging from £2,000 to £5,000 in "an industrial scheme of great promise, about to be launched in Rangoon."

This "scheme of great promise" is outlined in a five-page, typewritten prospectus, and after perusing Mr. Malet's document we are inclined to fear that many people would say that the promise is just a little bit *too* great!

It seems that Mr. Malet is bent upon making his mark in milk. Milk for the multitude would be an apt slogan, and we don't suppose he would object if people pointed to him in awe and said, "Yes; that's Mr. Malet, the Milk Millionaire."

Indeed, if his prospectus can be taken as confidently as it has been drafted, there is unlimited money in milk—in Burma.

But, unfortunately, before that unlimited money can be made, Mr. Malet wishes to raise £20,000.

He casually asserts that he could have raised this without any difficulty in Burma, but he prefers to get the bulk of it together in this country, where he is also going to purchase an expensive plant and the materials necessary to his scheme.

Profitable side-line

It appears that Mr. Malet has made the discovery that all is not well with the milk-supply of Rangoon, and so he has hit upon the original idea of shipping a special plant from England to establish a factory in Rangoon for the manufacture of reconstituted milk from powders, which will also be shipped from the homeland.

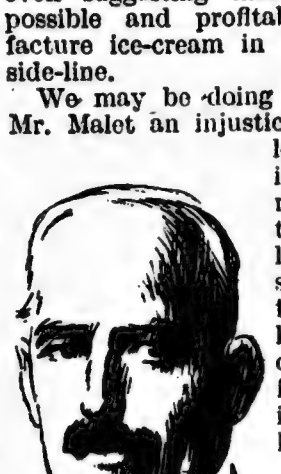
Of course, he is not casually collecting £2,000 here and £5,000 there without some sort of method. He has worked everything out beautifully to his own satisfaction.

He is going to sail for Burma very soon, and "it is proposed" to register a company in Rangoon, "where registration fees and income-tax are much less than in England."

One would-be investor, who felt that he would like to know a little more about the proposition, applied for an interview, which was readily granted.

Mr. Malet received him cordially in his small bed-sitting-room, and spoke enthusiastically of the venture, even suggesting that it would be possible and profitable to manufacture ice-cream in Rangoon as a side-line.

We may be doing the ambitious Mr. Malet an injustice, but it does look rather as if his desire to raise capital in this country is likely to puzzle stay-at-home folk whose knowledge of conditions in far-away Burma is strictly limited.



Sir Charles A. Innes, K.C.S.I., Governor of Burma

For instance, his prospectus opens with the startling assertion that the milk-supply for the City of Rangoon is "entirely in the hands of the natives of India"; that the existing conditions are "insanitary" to a degree; and that there is "practically no supervision by the health authorities."

Is it not disquieting to hear such a scathing indictment levelled against British administration?

Everything in the air

Can it be that the health authorities have waged untiring warfare to improve sanitary conditions in India and Burma with so little effect as to leave the City of Rangoon in an almost barbaric state? Surely not.

And what about those worthy institutions, the Government Grass Farms, which are specially maintained in order to supply perfect dairy produce to hospitals, garrisons, etc.

Singularly enough, no mention is made of this vital official department in Mr. Malet's prospectus, though Mr. Malet suggests that he will be able to sell his reconstituted milk in all the markets indicated.

But the most amazing part about Mr. Malet's huge project is that it has not yet reached the ears of those officials in this country whom one would expect to be closely in touch with any scheme calculated to revolutionise progress in administration overseas.

The truth is that everything is in the air. Mr. Malet would be well advised to abandon all attempts to raise money until his scheme has passed the stage of nebulous speculation.

When he has actually registered a company and can show that there is official sanction to his project and a likelihood of securing adequate contracts, it will be time enough to start advertising for "one or two gentlemen" with money.

THE FLY-BY-NIGHT

A SWIFT TRICK

Holmes from Home

THERE are too many people about making a living by defrauding traders. So clever are they that even cautious enquiries are provided for. Traders need to be very careful indeed

ABOUT a year ago, an elderly gentleman of florid countenance, who boasted a prominent red nose and a bushy grey moustache, took a small shop in York Road, Lambeth, and commenced business as a hosier.

He gave his name as John Whitley, and a plate on the shop-front showed him to be the proprietor. In the early days of his residence he appeared to be conducting a perfectly genuine business, though trade was none too brisk.

In addition to Mr. Whitley—who, by the way, spoke with a marked North Country accent—a much younger man named A. J. Watson was known to assist in the management of the establishment; but his presence was not quite so conspicuous as that of old Mr. Whitley.

Sudden departures

But, in spite of the shop's modest beginning, the affairs of this York Road establishment were shortly destined to become somewhat complicated.

Not to put too fine a point on it, the premises were vacated after less than three months' trading there, and Mr. Whitley and his associate suddenly vanished into thin air, leaving behind them a number of substantial debts unpaid.

The first of the two to emerge from obscurity was Mr. A. J. Watson, believed to be Whitley's son-in-law, but he did not come too far into the open.

At least he elected to use the name of G. N. Holmes, in which alias he proceeded to take two small offices in other parts of London for the ostensible purpose of dealing in hosiery.

One of these offices was at Chandos House, Westminster, and the other at Dover House, Westminster Bridge Road; but neither seems to have brought prosperity to the so-called Mr. "Holmes."

So far as we have been able to ascertain, no real business was ever carried on by him at either of the above addresses, which were used primarily for the purpose of receiving and answering correspondence.

Then, as in the previous case, Mr. Watson, alias Holmes, disappeared from both Chandos House and Dover House very suddenly, without troubling himself over the tiresome formality of paying the rent.

Back in the picture

But it was not until some time later, when numerous enquiries were made for him, that the real reason for his mysterious departure became apparent.

And, curiously enough, enquiries were not only being made about Watson, but also about old man Whitley, who, after Watson's disappearance, had somehow crept back into the picture.

It appears that after the departure from York Road, old Mr. Whitley placed orders with quite a number of firms for various kinds of goods.

Splendid references

Of course, they were not eager to do business with a stranger without some preliminary enquiry, so they very naturally called for references.

Now a man who has closed his business in dubious circumstances does not care to have his affairs looked into too closely; but Mr. Whitley was unperturbed. He had a good friend in Watson, alias Holmes, to whom he now proceeded to refer the various traders.

Needless to say, the obliging Mr. "Holmes," of Chandos House, gave Mr. Whitley most excellent references, set forth on impressive business note-paper, that at once set the minds of the cautious traders at rest.

Disillusionment was soon to follow, however, for repeated demands for payment fell upon deaf ears, and when the duped traders made enquiries at the address to which the goods had been delivered, they discovered that Mr. Whitley had been missing for quite a long time.

In these unhappy circumstances it is only natural that they should think of turning to the engaging Mr. "Holmes," who had so warmly recommended the missing Mr. Whitley to them as a desirable customer.

But of course, by that time, Mr. Holmes was himself wrapt in the mists of obscurity, and all efforts to trace him were attended with failure.

One of the victims then went to the police. He was a South London trader, and he had obtained an order from Mr. Whitley for a substantial quantity of linen goods.

He had been duped by the usual glowing "references," but, like others, he had never seen any money, and being only in a small way of business, was feeling the loss acutely.

Successful conspiracy

It soon became apparent that Watson, alias Holmes, had only taken the offices at Chandos House and Dover House for the purpose of furnishing the false references that enabled Whitley to procure the goods on credit.

This pleasant little conspiracy has been attended by considerable success, for apart from aiding Whitley, it is now known that Watson obligingly gave excellent references to several other firms who were thus enabled to obtain goods on credit.

Warrants were issued for the arrest of Watson and Whitley some time ago, and it is scandalous that they should be permitted to remain in obscurity when so many victims are clamouring for their just dues.

BOGUS BABY: Amazing Story

A PEST IN PETTICOATS

The Lies of Eileen

MANY comments have been made by the Press on the recent libel action brought by Mr. Mitchell Hodges against the *Daily Express* for suggesting that a "hold-up" of which he was alleged to be the victim was in reality a publicity "stunt" arranged by himself and others.

Nothing has been said about the part played in the affair by a Miss Eileen Graves, whose name was frequently mentioned in court, but who was not called upon to give evidence.

The reluctance of counsel for any of the parties in the action to put the lady into the witness-box may have seemed mysterious to the judge, Lord Hewart, but it was not so to us.

Lurid record

The lady has such a record of mendacity that no self-respecting barrister would dream of calling her as a credible witness. Nearly three years ago we had occasion to publish a few episodes taken at random from the life story of the charming Eileen Graves.

We knew her then as "Peggy Wade, Journalist," formerly Mrs. Villiers-Stewart, until she sacrificed the right to that name under a sentence of the court for bigamy.

Such was her record that we were justified in referring to her as a "vixen" and a "dangerous pest."

For a long time we heard little of the lady, and we hoped that she had mended her ways.

Enquiries made since her reappearance in the Mitchell Hedges action lead us to the conclusion that the lady is incorrigible and that she is as great a danger to society as ever.

There are few of her acquaintances who have not had cause bitterly to regret that they had any dealings with her.

One of these is a gentleman who happened to have apartments in the same house, and who believed her stories that she was a journalist of standing connected with all the best newspapers.

Dangerous games

When, finally, he discovered that she was no journalist at all, and declined to accept her word, he became the victim of a most amazing slander.

Eileen received a telephone call one day, and after her conversation, informed another person in the house that the call was in connection with official enquiries into the mystery of the death of Nurse Daniels.

The caller was anxious, she said, to get in touch with the gentleman in the house to whom we have referred.

A few days later two Scotland Yard detectives called on the gentleman, following "certain information" that they had received anonymously.

A few minutes' conversation satisfied them that they had been hoaxed, but the gentleman's feelings may well be imagined.

Another of Eileen's dangerous games is to claim acquaintance with men of high position, and on the strength of the story to impose on any credulous dupe who may come her way.

It is an old trick of hers. In one of our previous articles, we told how she posed as the victim of a love affair with a foreign prince who had wooed her, but had cut her off with £100.

Recently she has gone one better than that, pretending something more than an ordinary love affair with a certain personage much nearer home.

As proof positive of the genuine affection in which she is held by the personage, she drives about in a hired car with a small boy whom she claims to be his son.

Unfortunately for her story, the child of this grand passion is not always the same. She works the trick by suggesting to a mother whose acquaintance she has made that she should give her little boy a run in her car.

Naturally the mother is delighted. Eileen then proceeds to hire a car—for which, incidentally, she does not always pay—and then sallies forth as the fond mother.

Nor does the lie end there. If one knows her well enough she will produce affectionate letters alleged to be either from her distinguished lover or from someone empowered to act for him.

She may then confide that the "father of the boy" is not always kind to her, and knocks her about just like a cave man of the lower classes.

Unmerciful slander

Strange though it may seem, there are intelligent people to be found who at first believe the fluent yarns of Eileen Graves, or who give her money or credit on the strength of them.

Not long ago, a tailor in Regent Street, who is not a fool and who is constantly on his guard against impostors, was completely deceived by this woman's story and gave her substantial credit.

All he has obtained so far, is a judgment summons which he has not troubled to execute.

Miss Eileen Graves

Eileen, since her adventure in bigamy, has married again and, although her husband has long since left her, she still enjoys the privileges of a married woman and cannot be committed to prison for debt.

At least one struggling landlady who treated her with nothing but kindness is in the same position as the tailor.

She, too, has a judgment summons for a debt of £20 which she can ill afford to lose.

Doubtless her reputation will also be in jeopardy, for it is one of the peculiarities of crooked minds to villify those to whom they are most indebted.

In almost all the cases we have investigated, this pernicious woman has slandered her victims without mercy.

Eileen Graves is a woman to avoid. We are not surprised that she was shunned by all concerned in the recent libel action. Our readers will be well advised to give her just as wide a berth.

WHO WANTS AN IDEAL HOME?

THREE THOUSAND GUINEAS FOR YOU!

SCOTSMEN may have a reputation for banging their saxpences to advantage, but even Sir Harry Lauder must doff his glengarry to Mr. G. Riddoch, of 29, Tomnahurich Street, Inverness.

A young ex-Service man, with a shoemaker's business in his native city, Mr. Riddoch came back from the war with a crippled leg that put any active sport out of the question.

So he turned to "Bullets" as a pastime and a "saxpence" he "banged" to enter his "Bullet"—Overflowing — Apartments — Compartments—and Departments, has just brought him the staggering prize of 1,000 Guineas.

Perseverance rewarded

Mr. Riddoch's success is the more remarkable because he has never before secured a cash prize in "Bullets." His is not the familiar story of the competitor who carries off small prizes with encouraging regularity and ultimately finds his perseverance rewarded with a big cheque.

Overwhelming joy

"I was hoping one day to send a 'Bullet' to hit the bull's-eye," are his words, "although the only prize I've ever won has been a 'Target.'" No wonder he admits to being completely stunned by the wonderful news of his 1,000 Guineas success.

"It will make a fine sum for me and my wife for some rainy day," he concluded, "and I hope that 'Bullets' will bring others the happiness it has brought to me and mine."

That hope is shortly to be fulfilled to an extent which Mr. Riddoch could scarcely have anticipated. The happiness which "Bullets" has brought to this Scottish competitor and his family can be but little to the overwhelming joy that awaits the winner of this week's record "Ideal Home" prize.

The sum of 1,000 Guineas constituted the whole of Mr. Riddoch's award, but the sender of the best "Bullet" in the astonishing contest on pages 38 and 39 is to receive a prize of treble that value—no less than 3,000 Guineas!

An "Ideal Home" or an "Ideal Cheque"—that is the puzzling choice which will be yours if one of your "Bullets" is the best.

Biggest and best

You may take as your prize (1) An Ideal Home built how and where you wish, all the necessary Furniture, a luxurious Motor-car and a cheque for 1,000 Guineas, or (2) A single award of 3,000 Guineas cash, sufficient to meet all needs for the rest of your life.

Never in the fifteen years of "Bullets" history has so gigantic a prize been offered. This is the six hundred and sixty-ninth prize list which we have put before our readers, and it is the biggest and the best of them all.

Must be won!

At a time when many prizes which only "may be won" are before the public, it is well to emphasise that this monster 3,000 Guineas prize and all the 17,324 awards in this "Ideal Home" contest *must be won by somebody.*

The prizes are there to be won, an efficient staff of adjudicators is waiting to examine your "Bullets," the wires are waiting to flash the news of success to the fortunate First Prize-winner—perhaps to you?

The next step is yours. Look at the "Bullets" pages and see how prizes totalling £750 have been won this week by John Bull readers like yourself. Then start making "Bullets," and a few words may bring you a home or a fortune!

INTO THE SUNSHINE OF HEALTH!

INTERNAL disinfection is the Key!

Don't play with health! After all, life is a serious matter, and most of our ills can either be prevented or remedied. This weather brings on bad colds, sore throats, influenza. It is no good *hoping* they get better—take 'Yadil' in Liquid or Pastille form and make certain. In the case of children, measles is now prevalent, and here again 'Yadil' has a record of efficacy that is unequalled and unchallenged. No disease germ stands a chance where 'Yadil' is used. Non-irritant, non-poisonous, and non-caustic; 'Yadil' is the safe internal and external antiseptic used by the medical profession since 1916; safe for adults, safe for children.

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IN the following article Sir Herbert Samuel rightly declares that there are two predominant aims before the country at the present moment, the attack on poverty and the establishment of peace. Without these aims being accomplished we may whistle for prosperity

Why Don't We Do It?

by The Rt. Hon. SIR HERBERT SAMUEL, G.C.B., G.B.E.

"ATTACK Poverty: Establish Peace." In this phrase I recently summed up what I hold should be the principal objects of the politics of our time.

In different ages different purposes have held first place in the public mind. In one century, religious controversies have filled men's thoughts; in another, the struggle for political liberty; in another, prolonged conflicts with some foreign Power.

To-day these two aims stand out predominant—in home affairs the one, in foreign affairs the other—the attack on poverty, the establishment of peace.

For fifty years and more, "the Condition of the People Question," as Carlyle called it, has been becoming ever more insistent. Spread of education, the enfranchisement of the whole nation, have led to a widespread feeling that evils tolerated by previous generations are intolerable now.

The immense sacrifices of the Great War have intensified that feeling. There is a resolve that, the people having proved worthy of their country, the country must be made fully worthy of its people.

Poverty's grim grip

Poverty is a denial of freedom. Thomas Hardy spoke of "that strait-waistcoat of poverty." The man who has no margin of money to spend has no elbow-room; he has no true liberty in his life. He is debarred from family comforts, wide education, books, holidays and amusements.

A nation is neither fully free nor fully civilised in which poverty, with all it implies, continues widespread, tolerated, unchallenged.

And the immense sacrifices of the Great War, the moral revolt against all that suffering brought by human beings, through their own actions, upon one another, have led to the resolve that there must be Peace.

There is a determination throughout the people that this country must take its full share in any national measures that shall prevent the repetition of an event so obviously and shamefully irrational.

To state these aims is easy; to achieve them is difficult. There is no direct and obvious path that leads either to the one goal or to the other. There is no word or phrase or single principle—"Individualism," "Socialism," "Outlawry of War," or what you will—that can show us the way and carry us to the end.

We must build up our social policy and our international policy piece by piece, dealing with our task problem by problem.

Making things worse

A group of men, with experience of politics and economics and the practical working of industry, has been busy for more than a year on an enquiry into our industrial conditions. The outcome is the book lately published under the title *Britain's Industrial Future*.

We have there proposed definite measures for dealing with the social question; we have suggested the strategy, the tactics and the weapons for the attack on poverty.

We do not share the views of the Socialists that the victory can be won along one line, simply by nationalising the means of production. On the contrary, we believe that private enterprise is of high value, and that to place the conduct of our great national industries in the hands of public bodies would make things worse than they are now. The industrial system should be reformed into something better, not transformed into something wholly different, and almost certainly worse.

Here are a few simple propositions to which everyone will agree: It will be easier to get rid of poverty if the nation as a whole becomes more prosperous. Its prosperity must depend upon the success of its industries.

That success largely depends upon the absence of conflicts and of friction between employers and employed, and upon the existence of a whole-hearted co-operation between them to promote efficient and economical production.

Well-founded grievance

And here is a further proposition to which almost everyone will agree: Such friction will not be avoided, such co-operation will not be secured, so long as there is a widespread sense of injustice among the workers, a feeling of grievance that impartial men are bound to admit is well-founded.

It is not just that wealth should be distributed so unequally as now; or that the worker should have no recognised share, through his representatives, in determining the conditions of his own work; or that he should be subject to arbitrary dismissal at the hands of some uncontrolled official; or that he should be so constantly exposed to the risks of prolonged unemployment, with all the hardships that follow in its train.

How shall these things be remedied?

Methods may be devised for securing fair wages both in the well-organised trades and in the unorganised. There are methods for promoting the sharing of profits, leading to the sharing of ownership. There are methods for securing a recognised system of consultation between employers and employed.

There are important national resources—roads, canals, docks, land drainage, forests—that need developing by the State itself, and that can be so developed as to increase the volume of employment in the years when the ordinary trades are slack; they are enterprises that would be remunerative, and that can be financed by inviting and investing the savings of the people.

Lightening the burden

There are ways in which savings can be encouraged by lightening the burden of taxation, and particularly the burden of local rates. And there are many ways by which the diffusion of property can be promoted. Not "public ownership," as the Socialists propose, but "popular ownership," should be the chief aim.

Some of these objects can be best obtained by voluntary action within the industries themselves. In many cases that voluntary action can be helped, stimulated and guided by the action of the State. In others the State can act effectively through the authority of law.

But always it is necessary to secure that the springs of private enterprise shall not be weakened, and that the efficiency of the management of industry shall not be impaired.

These are general principles. Those who desire to study how they can be formulated in detail and applied in practice must go to the volume to which I have referred.

And international peace? Here it is not enough that public opinion should be trained, in this as in all countries, to a will for peace, and it is not enough that voice should be given to general expressions of good will. It is essential that certain definite steps should be taken.

Disagreements between nations can hardly fail to occur from time to time; it would be futile to imagine that they will not. But it does not follow

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that the nations must fight about them. The first step towards peace is to plan the means for dealing with disputes before they occur.

Arbitration first

The League of Nations exists for that purpose. It has proposed plans. It divides possible causes of quarrel into two classes, those which raise questions of law, such as the right way of interpreting a treaty, and those which raise questions of policy.

It proposes that every case which falls within the first class should be referred to the great International Court of Justice, drawn from a panel of distinguished judges from all the principal nations, which has already been set up at The Hague, and it proposes that the Governments should undertake beforehand that this course shall be followed.

Twenty countries, including Germany, have already given this undertaking, but our country has not yet done so. And the League proposes, with regard to the other class of cases, that arrangements should be made beforehand to refer to impartial arbitrators any dispute, not strictly legal in its nature, that may arise.

In addition to these two measures, it is necessary, with the help of the League, to decide a number of questions on which the accepted code of international law is not settled, so that the Court at The Hague may have a firm basis for its judgments.

And, last, every means to promote a world-wide limitation of armaments should be examined and every practicable method should be pressed.

These are the measures which, in Great Britain, are being advocated by the League of Nations Union, the great voluntary society with half a million members, which deserves the full support of all good citizens.

The aid needed

It is along these lines, then, that our two great problems, the social and the international, may be dealt with, actively and effectively. The progress cannot be sudden; it must be gradual; but it need not therefore be slow.

It requires not only the approval and good will, but the active service, the zeal and the energy of great numbers of far-seeing men and women. If that aid is forthcoming, then later ages will be able to say that we in our generation had done our part in the attack on poverty and in the establishment of peace.

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For he might, as a treat,
Bring some Crustless to eat,
There'll be "Christians awake" at his tread.

£25 WINNER.
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How he got it in those days licks me.

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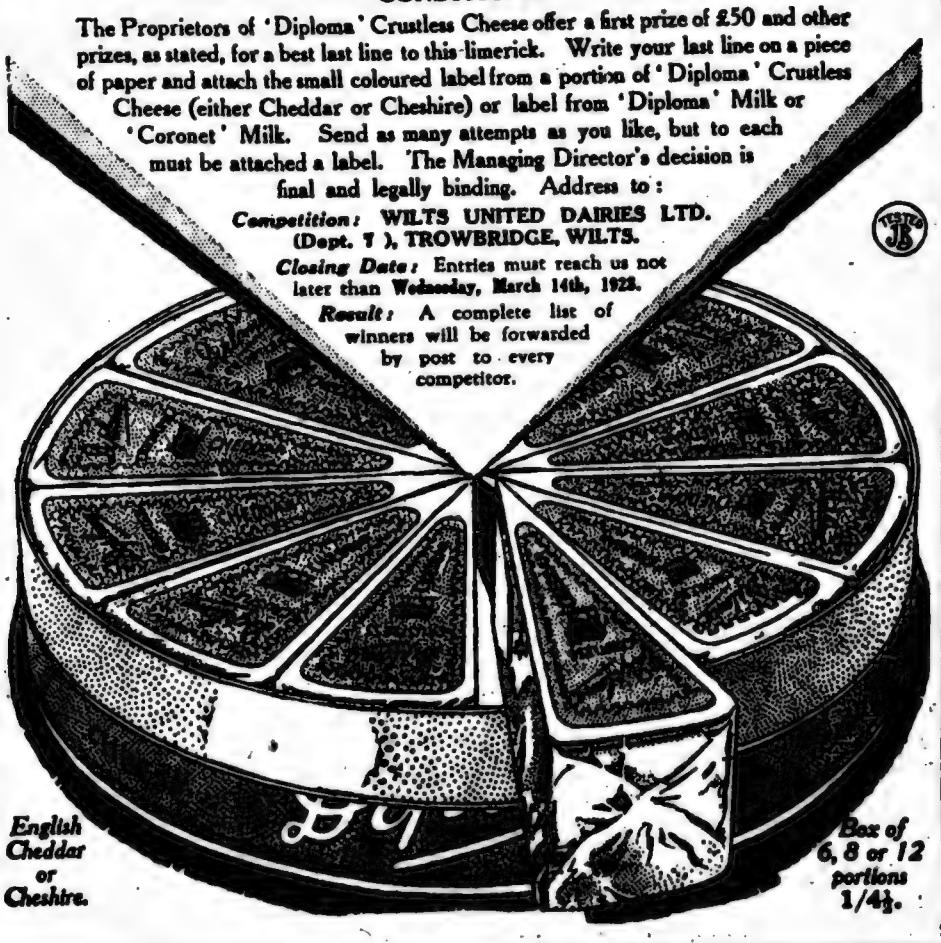

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MR EVERYMAN

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Mr. Everyman: I particularly disliked to be asked for a reference to my employer.

Mr. Drage: The whole system of references is quite out of date. Why should your employer or even your friends know your intimate personal business?

Mr. Everyman: Now that's settled, I want to take advantage of your No Deposit and 40 months' credit, Mr. Drage. I've chosen furniture amounting to £60. How does it work out?

Mr. Drage: Well you pay just 30s. now and 30s. a month for 39 months afterwards, and all the furniture will be delivered at once.

Mr. Everyman: I see there are no extra charges, but with this three years and four months' credit do I get your Drage Protection?

Mr. Drage: Certainly. Whatever length of credit you take, whatever the size of your order, you get that.

Mr. Everyman: It gives me the right, I understand, to keep what I've paid for in case ill-health or unemployment stop me from going on paying?

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To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P., 10, Downing Street, S.W.

Dear Sir,—Your cryptic reply to questions on the proposed Franchise Bill is too reminiscent of the "wait and see" of historic memory. Men who fought for their country and now are paupers entirely through Government inaction have a right to be assured that no disqualification is in contemplation. Common-sense demands plain answers to plain questions, precedent or no precedent. John Bull.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir W. JOYNSON-HICKS, M.P., Home Secretary.

Dear Sir,—Your circular to the police reminding them of their duty with reference to the maintenance of order at public meetings was necessary and timely. Free speech within the bounds of decency is the privilege of every citizen, and organised interference at political gatherings, no matter of which Party, is an evil which must not be tolerated. But kindly see that there is no "favouritism." What I want is a square deal for everyone. John Bull.

To the Rt. Hon. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, M.P., Minister of Health.

Dear Sir,—It having been ascertained that the cost of a preliminary investigation into the problem of the Thames floods is "not likely to exceed £500," it appears probable that the cost will be shared by several authorities and the work begun. Kindly see that the matter is accomplished with all possible despatch and the work of strengthening our water fronts proceeded with forthwith. If, at the same time, it strikes you that the time has come when cellar-dwelling below water-level should be abolished it will please me all the more. John Bull.

To Mr. A. DUFF COOPER, M.P., Financial Secretary, War Office.

Dear Sir,—Though with the outcome of your debate with Mr. James Maxton on the tenets of Socialism I am not now concerned, I congratulate you both on having taken part in it. That the occasion was organised by the Paddington branch of the I.L.P. is a compliment to your convictions and to your courage, for you must have felt somewhat like Daniel did when he found himself in the lions' den. If more politicians would engage in such friendly discussion it would be all to the good. John Bull.

To Commodore KING, C.B., D.S.O., M.P., Secretary for Mines.

Dear Sir,—I am appalled to find that in these days there are still 28,000 children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen working below ground in mines. Apart from the cruelty and unsuitability, it is sheer lunacy to work young lads in coal-pits while their fathers stand idle. This state of affairs must be altered or we stand condemned as people worse than savages. If, as you say, you have no power to interfere in the matter, kindly ask Parliament to give it you and use it. John Bull.

To the Rt. Hon. J. H. THOMAS, M.P., Unity House, N.W.

Dear Sir,—You tell the National Union of Railway men that "there are still breakers ahead; there are still clouds on the horizon; there are troubled waters and a stormy sea, but the old ship is still making her way through them. I remain on the bridge, and with your help I will steer her safely to harbour." As a replica of Lloyd Georgian oratory, this is amusing, but I prefer plainer speech. I should like, for instance, to have, in plain, straight words, a declaration of both your industrial policy and your policy on some of the things that really matter. John Bull.

To Lt.-Com. the Hon. J. M. KENWORTHY, M.P., Campden House Court, Kensington, W.

Dear Sir,—I see that you are to sponsor a Bill for the abolition of capital punishment. I am wholeheartedly with you. The prejudice against the proposed change is one which I could never understand, since I regard the gallows as a relic of barbarism. You and I, and those who think with us, must keep pegging away. John Bull.

To Miss NEILANS, Secretary, Association for Moral and Social Hygiene.

Dear Madam,—I am inclined to agree with your view that to fine unfortunates for soliciting is in many cases but to encourage the evil of prostitution, since the money must be found somewhere, and often the poor creatures have no other source of income. Also, I regard imprisonment as little or no deterrent. The only way to abolish vice is to recreate in the fallen the desire to live decently, which calls for kindly help. John Bull.

To the MAGISTRATES, City of Hull Police Court.

Gentlemen,—In two recent cases of "dole" fraud, both by labourers who had drawn money be false representations, you fined one £5 and sent the other, although it was a first offence, to prison for six months. This unexplained discrepancy of treatment has caused much comment, and no wonder! It would have been better had you ordered each man to refund what he had obtained by fraud. John Bull.

To Alderman CARDEN, Brighton.

Dear Sir,—The public at large owe you a debt of gratitude for having saved the glorious Devil's Dyke from spoliation. You purchased the property in order to keep it out of the hands of vandals, and later resold it to the Brighton Corporation for the figure at which you bought it. But why you should have had to "buy" the people's property in order to restore it to its real owners is a mystery. John Bull.

To Mr. W. J. SANGER, Old-age Pensioner and one-time Printer.

Dear Sir,—At eighty-four years of age, you have acquired artist's materials, and have painted a picture of Anstey's Cove, Devon, which experts consider a remarkable production. Your interest in life rebukes younger folk who feel "fed-up." "The coward dies a thousand deaths, the brave man dies but once." You at least don't waste time in dreading it. John Bull.

To M. NENOT, Paris, and M. FLEGENHEIMER, Geneva.

Messieurs,—In congratulating you upon the magnificent designs you have prepared for a Palace of Peace at Geneva, I must express amazement that Churches in all countries are not working day and night to further the work of erection. The ideals of the League of Nations were born with the Carpenter of Nazareth at Bethlehem. His followers crucify Him afresh every time they miss an opportunity for translating these ideals into reality. John Bull.

Straight from the Shoulder

Mr. Churchill:—"Money is almost the only power in times of peace available for Governments to influence administrative reform."

What a declaration of disbelief in the influence of the Church! And what a biting hint to parsons!

Mr. J. R. Clynes:—"The present policy is one of paying to keep idleness alive."

And would have been smashed long ago if politicians had put sincerity before Party.

Major Kindersley:—"Capital is simply the savings of the individual members of the community."

Plus the daily investment of manual labour and brain power. Can't you see that unemployment is wasting capital?

Dr. W. Temple:—"No nation has survived a war without deterioration except when it was defeated."

No nation survives war without deterioration. There is no exception.

HE DRINKS TOO MUCH TO BE POPULAR!

It is stated that the Government will not go to the country this year as it does not hope to have a popular Budget

MISUNDERSTOOD

Marker: "Send up some more PLAYER'S, please!"

Without Fear or Favour—by the Editor

THE GREAT VINDICATION

A PROUD PERCENTAGE

One Family in Eight!

WE have always been proud of the fact that JOHN BULL is not a "class" paper. It has always been our contention and belief that every class of the community reads us and that we appeal in varying measure from Mayfair to Mile End.

We have not been without a certain amount of evidence that this was so, but our belief is now amply supported by facts secured as the outcome of a unique investigation recently carried out by an independent organisation, the London Research Bureau.

The facts referred to have come into our hands in the form of an elaborate report entitled "Press Circulations Analysed."

The introduction to the report describes how this important investigation was carried through. "All the information in this report," we read, "was secured by personal interviews. A staff of experienced women investigators sent out from London interviewed housewives in thirty-eight different areas."

In all, 20,140 successful interviews were secured during a period of between four and five months. One simple query was in each instance put to the housewife—namely, "What newspapers, periodicals and magazines are read in your home?"

No papers were mentioned to her by name, so that no special weight in the resulting facts should be given to one paper more than to another. The result of each interview was written down on a separate form, and the names of the town and street were filled in.

THIS colossal piece of research confirms what we already knew, that JOHN BULL has by far the largest circulation of any weekly or monthly periodical in the country. It was found as a regular visitor in 2,559 of the 20,140 homes interrogated, or 12.7 per cent. of the total.

This is no freak figure, for the net paid sales of JOHN BULL, now reaching a million and a quarter, give, as a matter of fact, a figure which approximates very closely to 12.7 per cent. of the total families of the country. That is to say that, roughly, one in eight British families read JOHN BULL.

How great is the hold that the straight hitting and independence of JOHN BULL have obtained on those who wish for the truth instead of for diluted "opinions" is shown by the fact that the periodical which came next in importance was only found in 7.6 per cent. of the homes interviewed.

WE have never been under any delusion as to what the people of this country really want. We can express it best by saying that JOHN BULL is a paper for those who think and not for those who wish their thinking done for them.

It is a paper that refuses to be swayed by anybody or anything, a paper that never scruples to tell the truth, no matter what "interest" it may offend. We have always believed, and still believe, that the truth is only unpalatable to those who have some reason to fear its utterance.

Is it any wonder, therefore, that, if we take each class and house separately, JOHN BULL was found to be read in 3½ per cent. of the good-class homes, in 12 per cent. of what this report designates as lower middle-class homes, and in no less than 18½ per cent. of working-class homes?

A nation-wide appeal is a thing that anyone might be proud of—and we are very proud of it. And so long as we are able we shall continue to keep our eyes on national interests and strive with might and main for the national good.

Mr. H. G. Lyall, Director of the London Research Bureau, who produced "Press Circulations Analysed"

STOP THE SALE OF MURDER!

Two Practical Proposals

IT is an excellent thing that the recent terrible outbreak of violence and crime should be causing widespread concern. This country has lived down the days of highway robbery, shootings and cold-blooded assassination and is not minded to have them revived.

It is also a good thing that the law-abiding section of the community should be considering the best methods of checking it; but, unfortunately, most of the suggestions being made are wide of the point.

We make two only. We present them to the Home Office, and we are convinced that if they were adopted they would speedily rid the country of a growing menace.

It must no longer be left to the discretion of local Chief Constables to decide whether they will, or will not, "request" the assistance of Scotland Yard. The classic instance of this folly lies in the case of the Welsh girl, Irene Watson, whose murderer is still at large.

Thirteen months after the body of the poor girl was found, after her foul assassin had had every chance to cover his tracks, the local police decided they were completely baffled and "asked" the help of Scotland Yard!

Is it any wonder that after such a lapse of time, with every clue lost, and every trace completely obliterated, Scotland Yard curtly replied that interference would be time wasted?

The Home Office must make it compulsory for the local police to call in Scotland Yard the moment a murder is discovered.

Our second suggestion is more drastic. It must be made absolutely and entirely illegal for private citizens to have possession of revolvers. It is atrocious that the law should allow anyone who wishes to possess a revolver and can find the money to purchase it, merely to take out a licence and then walk into a shop and buy one.

Besides which, there are thousands of Service revolvers in the possession of men who served in the war and which have never been given up. It is sheer imbecility to make it easy to buy or retain lethal weapons of this nature and expect that they will never be used to shoot.

Shooting to kill is the only purpose of a revolver. It has no other. It is made and it is bought for no other purpose than to kill men.

It is the duty of the Home Office to stop murder by gun-shot by calling in every revolver and forbidding their further sale. Like every really great advance in civilisation, it is perfectly simple to do. All that is necessary is to fix a date on which every revolver in the country must be handed in at the nearest police station, after which anyone known to be in possession of a revolver will be prosecuted.

If this is impossible under existing Acts of Parliament, then let the Government frame a short one giving the necessary powers and pass it at once.

TRAPS FOR FLATS

Ask Our Advice

FEW things are more astonishing than the amount of skill and ingenuity expended in dishonest methods of living.

Rogues who line their pockets by fleecing others would not only have a good living but an honourable place in the community if they put the same amount of wit into legitimate channels.

They thrive because of the tremendous number of people who are gullible. They appeal to cupidity, and silly people are robbed and ruined merely for want of a little commonsense.

A favourite method is the circular offering the return of a fortune for a ridiculously small outlay. Follow the obliging philanthropist, trust him with your money, and "£5 becomes £20, £10 becomes £50," with the utmost ease—on paper!

Or, possibly, shares are offered. £5 or £10, or more, is to be forwarded "with 1s. margin, to be closed at 7s. 6d. profit." The circular may casually mention lucky investors who, having purchased at the right time, turned £5 into £20 when their shares went up.

It is a pure flat trap, a net for gulls, but the number of people who walk into it is amazing. More alert is the Dorset reader who complains to us of being pestered with unsolicited circulars from a typical bucket-shop.

He does not understand why strangers should be so eager to recommend investments to him.

Exactly. Reputable brokers do not tout for custom in this way. No sane person with inside knowledge of stock markets gives it away to strangers.

These offers of money for nothing should be taken with a grain of salt. Before risking their life-savings readers should always write to our Free Advice Service, sending documents for comment.

Great Political Mystery

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

WHILE the politicians blether the people are being robbed hourly. Is there no man in all the House of Commons bold enough to stand up and say, "This shameless robbery must cease"?

The Rt. Hon. D. Lloyd George, M.P., Leader of the Liberal Party. If he wants to right a great wrong let him tackle the monstrous swindle of industrial assurance

POLITICIANS make me tired. They seem quite incapable of bringing their minds down to earth and of doing something for the people *now*.

Whichever Party you look at you will find it busily engaged in preparing to do something for the people at some future time. The Liberal Party is not the only one that is busily drawing up plans for the erection of a New Jerusalem.

They are all so busy being architects of the future that they forget that their real job is to be builders of the present.

Well, is there not a proverb that says, "The fool hath his eyes in the ends of the earth"? It is a remark that applies to nine politicians out of ten to-day. They make desperate and often praiseworthy attempts to put an extra polish on the stars, but while they are doing that they entirely overlook the mud and the muck beneath their feet that cries urgently to be swept away.

Knowledge that convicts

I am at a complete loss to understand why none of the political Parties has ever the honesty or the pluck to tackle the colossal swindle of industrial assurance. It is not that they do not know to what extent the people are being fleeced. They know perfectly well.

Quite apart from the fact that every Member of the House of Commons has had a complete set of the articles that have appeared in JOHN BULL in his possession for a long time, there are not a few of them who have come to the offices of JOHN BULL personally and seen with their own eyes the staggering mass of evidence.

Not a few of them have roundly denounced the whole thing as too staggering to be believed—and one and all they go away and do nothing.

So far as the Conservative Party is concerned, which is to say so far as the Government is concerned, its attitude passes belief. No one knows better than Mr. Baldwin and his Cabinet that the whole unholy business of industrial assurance cries to heaven for searching investigation.

Mysterious attitude

Yet when he is asked if he will set up such an enquiry he puts his tongue in his cheek and replies that he is not aware of any need for such action.

I challenge Mr. Baldwin to have thirty minutes' conversation with me and find himself capable of giving such an answer ever again. I challenge him to dare to read even a tithe of the evidence I could put before him and to refuse to have the whole business instantly investigated.

The attitude of the Liberal Party is hardly less mysterious. In its efforts to turn this country into a land flowing with milk and honey, it is indulging in elaborate enquiries into the land, into industry, into a thousand and one things.

Amazing apathy

It does not seem to think it worth while to spend even five minutes enquiring into the daily and hourly robbery of millions of people, a robbery which could no more face the searchlight of investigation and survive than darkness can survive the first rays of the sun.

Yet nobody knows better than Mr. Lloyd George the extent to which this evil has the country in its grip.

I challenge Mr. Lloyd George to have half an hour's conversation with me and decline, in face of the evidence that I could put before him, to set up at once a searching enquiry into this mass of rottenness that is penalising in the most vicious way the most thrifty of the people whose votes he hopes to get at the next election.

But it is when we come to the Labour Party that the apathy, the indifference and the inaction displayed towards this question become not merely amazing, but a monstrous betrayal of the confidence that carried these particular politicians into the House of Commons.

For the Labour Party claims to represent the working classes, claims to have the interests of the working classes at heart, claims to put those interests before everything else; and it is precisely the people whose interests the Labour Party claims to hold paramount who are being deluded and deceived daily and hourly by every fraudulent device that the companies and their agents can think of.

However much Mr. Baldwin or Mr. Lloyd George may know about the industrial assurance ramp, Mr. MacDonald and every one of his followers in the House of Commons knows a hundred times more. With hardly an exception the Labour Members of Parliament represent constituencies where you could not walk into a dozen houses without coming out of at least ten of them with evidence of fraud and deception.

They not only know this, they cheerfully admit it. Some of them even have the nerve to say that the question is too big to be tackled. But there is not one of them who has the courage to take up this question in the House of Commons and hammer away at it until justice is done to the very people that they claim to represent.

That is why I do not challenge Mr. MacDonald—I accuse him. I accuse him and the whole Labour Party of shirking a duty that makes their dreams and visions which they so assiduously pursue the veriest play beside the solid good they could be achieving if they so desired.

Mr. Tom Groves, M.P., could wax very indignant because the Home Secretary was present at a cabaret at which a bottle of champagne was put up for auction; but the fact that for every hour of 1926, 970 industrial assurance policies lapsed for which the holders received nothing whatever in return does not raise a ripple on the placid contentment of Mr. Tom Groves or any other member of his Party.

Robbing widows and orphans

The building of a New Jerusalem may be a fascinating occupation for politicians, but it does not carry much conviction into the households of those who see the most powerful companies in the country taking the mite from the widow and the pence from the orphan, who find nothing so low that they will not stoop to it to enrich their already overflowing coffers.

If there is a single man in the House of Commons who dare stand boldly forth and challenge this bloated colossus of fraud let him come and see me. I will promise him the eye-opener of his life.

Tear Of

Equal bravery is shown in ordinary life as on the battlefield. But civilian bravery is done quietly, and too often goes unnoticed

IT is a common argument of the militarists that war brings out all that is best and most virile both in men and nations.

I wonder if any one of them honestly thinks so who knows anything of war. It is true enough that war brings out the best in *some* men, but it is also true that it brings out the worst in far more—as every man who went into the trenches knows.

Mr. E. T. Johnson

I firmly believe that the majority of the men who were behind and down the line during the war would have scorned to steal before they donned khaki, yet, afterwards, very many of them did not scruple to help themselves to rations and comforts which ought to have gone to the men in the line.

The majority of the men in the line were perfectly honest before they joined up, but afterwards there were many who thought it no sin to rifle the pockets and the packs of the dead. And men looted shops and houses.

The truth is that robbery in war is not considered as robbery at all. It is camouflaged by such pleasant-sounding words as "winning," or any one of a dozen others, simply because war blunts the moral sense.

It did that even with the people who stayed at home; witness the profiteering, the food-hoarding, the bribery and the "wangling" which were rampant throughout the war.

I COULD mention many other "qualities" which the war brought out, and which the advocates of militarism conveniently ignore. What these people really bank on are the spectacular feats of bravery which illumine the otherwise ghastly history of every war.

Perhaps *all* these feats are not quite what they seem, but certainly during a war they thrill a nation, and tend to intensify the military spirit, just as their recital during years of peace tends to lend a false glamour to war.

The men who fought place no exaggerated value on a decoration. They know how difficult it is to tell whether it was honestly earned or

The Unspeakable Sin

by A. G. GARDINER

THE League of Nations has exposed the vilest traffic that has ever existed. It is up to the public conscience of the world to see that it is stamped out altogether

IF the League of Nations had accomplished nothing more than its exposure of the international traffic in women and children it would have justified its existence. The two reports issued last year are a monumental revelation of the hideous facts.

Perhaps they are too monumental for the purpose of general consumption, and for this reason I am glad that the distinguished student of the League of Nations, Mr. Wilson Harris, has prepared a luminous summary of the revelations and conclusions, under the title "Human Merchandise."

It is an unsavoury subject, but Mr. Wilson Harris handles it with extreme discretion, and unsavoury though it is, it is our duty to face it. When there is a bad odour from the drains, the wise householder does not pretend that he cannot smell it. He calls in the sanitary engineer, and gets to the root of the mischief.

And this traffic is a bad smell that infects and poisons the world. It is the foulest blot on civilisation, and the only way of wiping it out is to expose it to the light and air.

Sold like cattle

What are the facts which this world enquiry undertaken by the League reveals? Broadly speaking, they show the existence of an almost world-wide trade in the provision of women and children for the purposes of prostitution. This trade is international in its organisation, and it is carried on by *souteneurs* who are at home in all capitals, and are in effect slave-owners.

They buy and sell their victims like cattle. They import and export women as another trader imports or exports corn, and in pursuit of the traffic they forge passports, contract sham marriages, falsify birth certificates, and corrupt officials.

The first large significant fact that emerges is the curious geographical division of the traffic. Prostitution, of course, exists in all countries, but, broadly speaking, the white-slave traffic flourishes only in the Latin world. It has been almost obliterated in this country, it is being obliterated in Germany, and it hardly exists in Canada and the United States.

Britain's boast

I shall return to the meaning of this later. It is in the Latin countries of Europe and South America where the trade thrives. Countries like Roumania and France, Portugal and Sicily are the hunting-grounds of the *souteneur* for his raw material, and the Mediterranean cities, especially Egypt, and the South American cities are the chief markets to which the raw material is sent.

The conditions of the traffic in such towns as Alexandria, Tunis, Buenos Ayres, and Rio de Janeiro are unspeakable. Foreign women, often little more than children, are passed on from *souteneur* to *souteneur*, and are ruthlessly exploited at every turn.

A common source of these unhappy victims is the foreign cabaret. Another is the travelling theatrical company, which comes to grief, leaves the girls stranded in a strange country, and the easy prey of the traffickers in women.

Let us return to the significant geographical fact that I have noted. Why is it that this infamous traffic curses the Latin world and has practically disappeared from the Anglo-Saxon world? Remember, we are not speaking of prostitution, but of the white-slave traffic.

In looking for the explanation, the first thing that strikes us is this: the white-slave traffic only exists where prostitution is officially recognised and licensed. In this country, except for one short period and in military towns alone, the State has never regulated vice. It has never licensed houses for prostitution or subjected women to examination.

It has never taken the line that here is a vice that cannot be repressed, therefore let us recognise it, give it official sanction and regulate and license those who pursue it. The same attitude has been adopted in Canada, the United States and Germany. The Latin countries generally have followed the contrary policy.

Sir Eric Drummond, K.C.M.G., Secretary-General to the League of Nations

Prison for reformer

There can, I think, be no doubt which is the wiser course. It has been proved up to the hilt that examination does not prevent disease, and it needs no proof that where shops are officially sanctioned for vice the temptations to vice are enormously increased.

But there is another reason why we are free from that traffic. It is a reason that shows how public opinion can wisely control vice. We have not licensed prostitution, but, on the other hand, we have crushed the *souteneur*.

It is forty-four years since W. T. Stead, acting under the inspiration of Bramwell Booth, raised a storm in this country with his "Maiden Tribute to Modern Babylon." He showed how easy it was for the *souteneur* to pick up girls and spirit them away to the foreign market.

Stead went to prison for proving his case, but within a year the Criminal Law Amendment Act was passed, the age of consent was raised and the trade of the *souteneur* was practically abolished.

What is the moral of all this? It surely is that licensed vice is the root of the white-slave traffic. That conclusion emerges from the League of Nations enquiry so clearly that at the last meeting of the League Assembly a resolution was adopted unanimously pressing "the desirability of recommending to all Governments the abolition of the system of the licensed house."

Take away the licensed house and all the machinery of the *souteneurs'* trade will disappear, for no girl will go from Lisbon or Paris or Bucharest to Tunis or Buenos Ayres "on her own." She can only go as an instrument of a system which finances, controls and exploits her. Kill the system, and you kill the trade.

Deplorable attitude

It is deplorable to find the French Government protesting that the licensed house is a question of domestic policy off which the League must keep its hands. If the licensed house only affected the country that licenses it, that might be a sound argument. But the licensed house in Paris or Bucharest is the key to a world traffic in vice.

It poisons the currents of human society everywhere. It debases the standards of womanhood and manhood alike, and I am satisfied that if the League of Nations sticks to its guns the public opinion of the civilised world will be with it and will compel France to come into line with the enlightened sentiment of mankind everywhere.

e Veil!

by ARNOLD FREEMAN HOLT

as distributed with the rations, but these things ave a fascination for the rising generation— nd that is why the militarists will always try to eep alive the belief that a military decoration or valour is on a far higher grade than a civilian edal for valour.

THE people who are against war apparently acquiesce in that belief, else they would not ave the militarists with a clear field. Why permit to be assumed that valour on the battlefield necessarily of a higher order than valour in the ine or the workshop?

I do not want to belittle for one moment the ourage of our men. I saw too much of it in rance and in Flanders, but that is no reason hy that courage should be exploited and the ourage of the heroes of the civilian battlegrounds ept in the background.

For the heroism of peace-time requires a higher rder of courage than the heroism of the battleeld. The decorations really earned on the eld have usually been earned when the blood as been hot—so hot that I have known more han one case where a man has performed a at described as "glorious," and hasn't known ntil afterwards that he has performed it.

But the deeds which earn decorations in civil life are usually performed in *cold* blood. Performed deliberately, not in a rush of excitement. I need only cite the one case of the Manchester man who has been awarded the Stanhope medal of the Royal Humane Society.

I must give an outline of it, since, as the Stanhope medal is not the Victoria Cross, few people will have read about it.

Mr. E. T. Johnson was the man who earned it. He and a man named Inglis were working in a trench, 16 ft. deep, the subsoil at this depth being quick-sand. Without warning, the trench suddenly collapsed, completely burying Inglis, partially burying Johnson. Johnson could have released himself, but that would have meant the death of Inglis, whose hair only was showing.

SO he decided to save his mate or die with him. And so he, *for eight hours*, continued to brush the earth from the face of Inglis in order that he might breathe, although the falling earth was accumulating on his own back and he was being forced down and down.

That is a bald outline, but I know no braver deed in war. Let us exalt the heroes of peace. There are so many of them.

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A GREAT SCHOOL SCANDAL

by **CHARLES G. AMMON, M.P.**

WHEN schools are distinctly founded for the children of the poor, the founders' wishes should be carried out. It is downright robbery when these schools are usurped and used by those who could well afford to pay for their children's education

THE controversy aroused by the proposed new scheme for Dulwich College brings into the limelight once more the old but continuing scandal, the possession by the sons of the wealthy and the well-to-do of the schools and the funds intended for the children of the poor.

Superior persons talk sneeringly of working people living on the "dole" when through the misfortune of unemployment they are compelled to draw the benefit to the cost of which they have contributed, yet these very persons, if they have been educated at Eton, Harrow, Charterhouse or Dulwich College, have only gained their education at the cost of the robbery of the poor.

Two Royal Commissions have agreed that the so-called "public schools" have been diverted from the pupils for whom they were originally intended.

First beneficiary's poverty

"The College of God's Gift," or Dulwich College as it is now named, was founded and endowed by Edward Alleyn, the Shakespearean actor, in 1619, "for and toward the relief, sustenance, and maintenance of poore men, women and children, and for the instruction of the said poore children."

So faithfully were the founder's wishes observed in the beginning that the first beneficiary was of such poverty that he had neither food, clothing nor shelter, and was even without a name. He was, therefore, named Edward Alleyn after the founder.

In 1857, the intervention of Parliament was considered necessary, and as a result the foundation was reconstituted.

Dulwich College was built, having two wings on each side of a central hall, the one wing intended for the upper school and the other for the lower school, and, in fact, the two schools were in existence until 1882, although the lower school never entered into possession of its wing in the new building.

In 1882 Royal Consent was given to a fresh scheme under which the upper school became "Dulwich College" and the lower school "Alleyn's School," but the inadequate endowments granted were such that Alleyn's School has been developed and maintained only by liberal grants from the London County Council.

Valuable endowment

Thanks to such assistance, the number of scholars at Alleyn's School increased from 242 in 1881 to 624 in 1908, and it is now about 750. The number of scholars at Dulwich College was 600 in 1881 and is now about 900.

The endowment consists of about 1,400 acres of land in Dulwich which, in the process of years, has grown enormously in value.

Out of the income thus derived, a certain sum of money is set apart for almsgiving purposes, for the chapel endowment of the College of God's Gift, and for the payment of specified amounts to Dulwich College, Alleyn's School, Dulwich Picture Gallery, St. Saviour's and St. Olave's Grammar

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School, Southwark, and the Central Foundation Schools, London.

Provision is also made for the distribution of surplus income.

So thoroughly was the robbery carried out that down to 1920 Dulwich College was a preserve for the wealthy. In that year the governors, facing temporary financial embarrassment, applied for assistance from public funds.

Obligation to honour

The receipt of such assistance carries with it the obligation to provide a certain number of free places to scholarship boys from the publicly provided schools.

There are at the moment 202 scholarship holders in Dulwich College, of whom 148 are from publicly (L.C.C.) provided schools.

Now that the corner has been turned, a new scheme has been drafted and forwarded to the Board of Education for approval, asking to be allowed to forego the financial assistance from public funds and to be relieved of the necessity of receiving scholarship boys.

In the words of Sir Arthur Hirtzel, chairman of the governors of Dulwich College:

"The finances of the college having improved, it is no longer necessary for us to take the grant from the Board of Education, and to give the definite number of free places that the acceptance of that grant entails. We want to be free. We don't want to bind future boards of governors to Ministers of Education, who might rule that the college should make such an overwhelming number of free places that its whole character would be changed."

The last words disclose the real reason as unadulterated robbery.

The revenue from the estates has been constantly increasing for many years past, so that after payment of the endowments under the 1882 scheme to the above and kindred schools, there has accumulated a balance which now amounts to a substantial sum.

It is to the disposal of this sum, and of the future balances that the new proposals of the Board of Education refer.

Well-to-do benefit

The scheme proposes to allocate to Dulwich College, the school of the well-to-do, *one-half* of every future balance.

The remaining part will, under the scheme, amount to *nothing at all* if the total residue does not reach £10,000.

Alleyn's School, the lineal successor of the lower school of Dulwich College, and as much an integral part of the foundation as the present Dulwich College, is to be allocated sixteen-eightieths, the rest going to the Picture Gallery Foundation and to the remaining schools.

The residue or balance (after payment of the present endowments) is expected to grow rapidly, so that a sum of £40,000 may be attained in the not distant future, and then Dulwich College would receive annually £27,370 in all, the High Class Girls' School £10,000, Alleyn's School £3,850.

Such is the scheme. Alleyn's School, the rightful heir, is to be made to pay for the education of the boys of the well-to-do.

Forced by the light of publicity to make some defence of their action the governors say:

"The governors would always welcome scholarship holders in such numbers as are consistent with the traditions of the college.

"They desire there should be no more free places than the school can successfully assimilate.

"That it is necessary to maintain the higher educational, disciplinary, and moral tone of the school."

A nasty smack

The third reason is the most extraordinary, for it casts, by inference, grave reflection on the control of the college staff by suggesting that 15 per cent. of the pupils could adversely affect the disciplinary moral tone of the school.

As for the higher educational standard, I suspect it is just here where the shoe pinches, for the percentage of boys from publicly provided schools who passed the extra college examination was greater than those from private schools.

Should any of my readers hear persons talking about the "class war," direct their attention to this latest expression of it by the rulers of Dulwich College!

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—If you suffer from difficulty of hearing.
—If your nostrils are clogged or "running."
—If you feel tired on rising.
—If you suffer from strange "head-noises."
—If your eyes are "watery."
—If "crusts" form in the nose.
—If your mouth and throat are dry and painful.
—If you expectorate often.
—If your sense of smell is impaired.
—If your breath is "bad" and your mouth "dirty."
—If you have pain over the eyes.

or if you have a dry, hot skin, and alternate fits of heat and cold, you are almost certainly suffering from Catarrh.

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RITZ HOTEL JUSTICE

A Judge's Grave Admission

IT was stated recently at the Barnet County Court that a woman plaintiff in a High Court action about a carpet had had to pay £500 in costs, although the total amount in dispute was only £250.

His Honour Judge Crawford, to whom the facts were related, said: "The statement is enough to appal one. It is a grave blot on our judicial system that costs should be allowed to run up to these enormous figures. I suppose it will go on, scandal, scandal, scandal! until somebody is strong enough and wise enough to stop it."

The notorious Russell divorce case cost £30,000. To recover a stamp collection belonging to Mr. Jonas Lett and valued at £44,000, a sum of £60,000 was spent. Actions arising out of the late Lord Northcliffe's will ran away with £50,000 in legal costs.

Staggering costs

It is the same, or worse, where the over-burdened ratepayer has to foot the bill. The construction of a new water reservoir by the Swansea Corporation led to a legal battle with adjoining coalowners costing £100,000.

Even in the humble county court, expenses are often on a royal scale. Recently a Rayleigh man who sued a Leyton man for £78 had to meet a legal bill for £300.

In another case last year sixpence deducted from a Lancashire mill girl's wages also involved the expenditure of £300 in law costs.

In a recent House of Lords debate, Lord Buckmaster, an ex-Lord Chancellor, declared: "If there is one thing that is a reflection upon our system of administering justice that hitherto we have been unable to remove, it is the cost of litigation.

"Innocent litigants have frequently to hazard the whole of their savings to get justice from the courts of law."

With still deeper pessimism another distinguished Law Lord, Lord Sumner, said: "In litigation, costs, like the poor, are always with us. I do not know how costs can be cured except by the abolition of litigation.

"Do not be led astray by the mirage of cheap justice. In this country, justice is never cheap. It is difficult enough to get it at all."

A matter of conscience

When highly placed judges talk like this the public is naturally shocked. People who have suffered are embittered and angry.

They do not agree with Lord Sumner in his fatalistic conclusion that there is no remedy for the evil, or with Judge Crawford who has nothing better to suggest than that impoverished litigants should "never again venture on the sea of the law."

Instead, they consider that a country like Great Britain, which boasts its love of justice, should make it a matter of conscience to ensure fair and open access to the courts for every rank of citizen, including the lowliest in the realm.

Our legal arrangements are disfigured by gross inequalities, flagrant inconsistencies, and by more than a shade of hypocrisy. As someone has cynically observed: "The courts of this country are open to everybody—like the Ritz Hotel."

We do not sell justice. Oh dear no; but we make it impossible for

His Honour Judge Crawford

people to get it unless they can pay for it!

In Great Britain there is one law for the rich and for the poor, the same for both. It is our national pride.

Glaring defect

The only difference is that the poor cannot get at it till they can beg, borrow or steal the necessary funds—unless, of course, it comes after them, in the uniform of a policeman, when it is as friendly as the hug of a Polar bear.

The existing Poor Persons Rules, under which persons without means may be assisted to maintain or defend legal actions, are totally inadequate to the situation.

For one thing, they apply only in the High Court—that is to say, in such matters as divorce, and in claims or disputes involving more than £100.

In the county courts of the country, where in 1925 more than one million actions were disposed of, the tribunals where ordinary citizens are called upon from day to day to answer debt claims, to assert their rights under the Workmen's Compensation Act, or to defend their homes under the complicated provisions of the Rent Restriction Acts, there is no provision whatever for the legal assistance of the poor.

Another glaring defect of the Poor Persons Rules is the absurdly low income limit above which people are supposed to be able to pay their own law costs.

Applicants for assistance must not be worth more than £50 in money or goods, and their incomes must not exceed £2, or in exceptional cases £4, weekly.

A case was brought to our notice not long ago in which a City clerk appeared to have a good claim against his employers for wrongful dismissal.

It was impossible, however, to advise him to incur the expense of a law-suit, nor indeed had he the means to embark upon litigation.

Fees first

The case was fairly one for free legal aid, yet, because his wages after a long spell of unemployment averaged some £4 10s. weekly, he was outside the scope of the Poor Persons Rules.

The normal limit, remember, is £2 weekly—that is to say, it shuts out the whole of the skilled, and the bulk of the unskilled, labour of the country. Was there ever a more pitiful farce?

The test in Great Britain should be the same as that which has been adopted in France—namely, has the applicant the means to pay legal expenses after the due maintenance of his home and family has been provided for?

This is the only criterion which is at once practical and humane.

Another matter which ought immediately to be considered is whether the time has not come for the abolition of the burdensome court fees which in every direction inflate the cost of justice.

Even in the county courts, "hearing fees" amount to 10 per cent. of the amount in dispute, this sum being payable in advance before even the plaintiff's claim can be heard.

Justice too costly

Constantly, poor persons relinquish just claims through sheer inability to afford these preliminary expenses. Where is the sense of prating about fair and equal justice while we set up a greedy toll-gate at every entrance to the law courts?

It never occurs to anyone to suggest that the poor householder should be debarred from calling in a policeman for the protection of his life or property because he is unable to afford a special fee.

It is generally accepted that the wages of the police should be charged to the general revenues of the country. It is hard to see why the salaries of the judges and the upkeep of the law courts should be differently regarded.

Justice is the worst of all commodities to tax. It would be worth more than it would cost to rehabilitate the law in the eyes of the poor. One armoured cruiser the less would square the bill.

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COMPANY MEETING.

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MUTUAL BENEFITS OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

Dr. Carpenter on the Prospects of the Undertaking.

The ordinary general meeting of the proprietors of South Metropolitan Gas Company was held on February 23 at the Cannon Street Hotel, London, E.C., Mr. Charles Carpenter, D.Sc., M.Inst.C.E. (the president), presiding.

The Secretary (Mr. Frank Day) having read the notice convening the meeting,

The President said: We are, as you are aware, chemical manufacturers upon a large scale, our all-important product being gas and our main business that of selling it, which we do in keen competition with the suppliers of other forms of energy. Notwithstanding this, we have not only maintained our output but we have increased its amount during the past year. By some 4,400 we have added to the number of our consumers, many of whom live in the new housing estates being developed by the London County Council. I am pleased to be able to add that most of our new consumers are all-gas ones, and the reason is because they prefer it. Being mostly engaged in commerce and industry, they like a rapidly prepared cup of tea in the early morning and a light by night that does not try their eyes for working or reading, and nothing fulfils their requirements so well as gas. In this respect our experience has shown that the London County Council are broad-minded landlords and accept the Englishman's birthright that his home is his castle, in which he is free to use what conveniences he pleases, even although he may pay a weekly rental for his rights.

RESULTS OF RESEARCH WORK.

I have upon previous occasions drawn attention to the fact that we maintain a considerable staff for the purpose of research, and its work pertains to gas-using apparatus as to other departments of our undertaking. In fact, during the last twenty-five years or so the consumer has relied upon us not only to recommend but, in many instances, to design and produce the appliances best suited to his requirements. But as they are nearly all hired we have to maintain them in an efficient condition, and the problem of interchangeability of parts, in cases of damage by wear and tear or misuse becomes a very important one. I am glad to say we have made good progress in this direction, and are able to furnish appliances which are ready to fix and go to work without having to be tuned up on the spot to suit any particular consumer's circumstances. We are not only making our cooking stoves more efficient—and in a trial made between a standard type of cooker and an electrically operated one we came out the winner—but more convenient also. Owing to the large capital expenditure involved such changes have to be made carefully and deliberately, or evolution in design might involve greater instead of less expenditure in the long run on the part of the user.

TRADERS AND GAS LIGHTING.

The use of high-power gas lighting continues to extend in the chief business centres of South London. The shopkeepers are, in my opinion, more alert and critical than their brothers in the West End, for they have discovered that, instead of lighting their shops from within and disregarding the sidewalks, the more successful method is to attract customers by the illumination of the pavements alongside which the shops are placed, and thereby to light up the goods displayed in their windows, or, in other words, to attract the public, firstly, to the shopping area, and, secondly, to the shops. The proportion of the maximum daily consumption to the average daily consumption throughout the year plays an important part in our working costs. Our maximum last year was one two-hundred and twenty-sixth part of the whole; the ideal would, of course, be one three-hundred and sixty-fifth. And here, although relatively small, the industrial load comes in very helpfully, one industry alone consuming as much gas as an entire town the size of, say, Chelmsford or Great Yarmouth.

LIGHT AND HEAT RADIATION.

You will be interested to hear of what promises to be an important investigation in which our officials, in conjunction with the Institution of Gas Engineers, have been taking part in the determination of the penetration into the human skin of various forms of light and heat radiation, and thereby enabling us to form some conception of what is meant by the term "comfortable heat." The work has been carried out under the direction of Sir Henry Gauvain, the medical superintendent of Treloar's Cripple Homes at Alton, Hampshire. We have there erected an installation for producing this "comfortable heat," which is used as an integral part of the radio-therapeutic treatment of tuberculosis patients, and in which they are flooded, so to speak, with heat rays derived from gas burning on the surfaces of radiating mantles. We are but on the fringe of these interesting problems, and much remains to be done. There is still a great deal to be learned with regard to the properties of flames and the nature of the radiation they emit when burning in contact with various substances. We must wish this particular experiment all success, but, however it may turn out, there is no doubt that the last word has not yet been said of the health value of flame. It is indeed not unlikely that, in the case of the great luminary which heats and lights our earth, we probably depend at least as much upon the thermal radiation from his incandescent gas as on other components of his radiant energy.

MEETING COKE-USERS' NEEDS.

I have been speaking so much about gas that it is time I turned to another of the products of our coal distillation—namely, coke. Coke has been in the past somewhat of a neglected product. There has been a tendency to concentrate upon gas technology to the disadvantage of coke. But we have make a good start towards correcting this inequality. There is no doubt we ought to produce coke of a uniform quality throughout the year, and if with the same care we grade it as regards size we shall satisfy our consumers' needs considerably more than is now the case. Although we do not use any ourselves for the purpose, a good deal of coke is still required in the gas industry for the production of water gas, formerly as an enricher and more recently as a diluent. We welcome the endeavours of the London County Council to put the sale of coke on a basis nearer to that of coal, and further it is unarguable that wetness is an undesirable quality.

AN INTERESTING INNOVATION.

We have now placed on the market a domestic grate suitable for burning coke, which can be fitted to practically every fireplace. Instead of using paper and sticks of woods, a small gas burner is substituted which provides at no greater cost the means of lighting it up. It has the advantage that the starting of a coke fire entails scarcely more trouble than the turning on of a tap. The design of the grate is such that once lighted the fire goes on without attention until it is either replenished or allowed to burn out. The lighting up of domestic fires is one of the causes of smoke in our large cities, as may be observed on any morning, and in cases where solid fuel is preferred the use of a gas burner for its ignition saves both labour and nuisance.

LOW-TEMPERATURE CARBONISING.

Speaking of solid fuel reminds me to say a word about what is called low-temperature carbonising. We have carefully watched its development for over twenty years, since in fact the most advertised variety first fascinated the investing public and invited encouragement from their pockets. There is no doubt that in the general interests of the community every ton of coal used in our large cities should pass through its gasworks' gates, but whether it is to be first submitted to high temperature or to low temperature, or alternatively to both, remains yet to be proved. Two fundamental points have to be considered; firstly, the adaptability of the process to the stringent conditions pertaining to the supply of gas, and, secondly, the likelihood of the solid product being regarded favourably, more particularly as to the cost, by the public. These questions can only be satisfactorily answered by the behaviour of plant erected on a sufficiently large scale. If the negotiations are successful, we propose associating ourselves in the installation at our East Greenwich Works of a process which favourably impressed our chemical manager.

The revenue from tar, like that from coke, has fulfilled our expectations. As regards ammonia, in spite of the heavy fall in the value of sulphate our receipts from the product have not fallen in proportion to its lower market price, and it still returns an important proportion of our revenue.

HEAVY COST OF COAL.

The cost of our raw material, coal, has been heavy—nearly one and three-quarter million pounds. Although the great coal strike was officially over at the beginning of December, 1926, we had to go on taking high-priced foreign supplies until the beginning of February last year. During the last twelve months we have obtained the highest gaseous yield of any period in our history, partly by the better working of our plants and partly by reason of our efforts for the reduction of ash and impurities in the coal. Progress in this respect is very desirable, and at least three plants for de-ashing without the use of water have been installed at certain collieries, and I understand several others are on order. I must take this opportunity to congratulate the mine-owners upon their forward policy in this respect, which might not have been adopted so rapidly had it not been for the gentle pressure and friendly help furnished by our keenly interested staff in Newcastle under our representative there, Major F. J. Bywater. Every freight of coal bought on our account is sampled and analysed, and we are thus enabled to keep a close control over our carbonising work in London. I wish I could speak as highly of the facilities provided for shipment in the North. In most cases these leave much to be desired, if not in design then in working. We should certainly be able to work our steam colliers to better advantage if a systematic overhaul were made not only of the staithes but of the rail tracks connecting these with the mines, and the provision of adequate rolling stock.

PROFIT-SHARING.

The dividend proposed for the year is at the rate of 6¼ per cent. You will remember that this is made up, as regards 5 per cent. by the basic rate authorised by Parliament, and as regards the balance by a share of the available surplus profits. Of these surplus profits three-fourths are shared by the gas consumers as reduced charges for gas. The remaining one-fourth is divided equally between capital and labour, the co-partner shareholder and the co-partner employee. I think you must have been interested, as indeed I was myself, with two manifestoes which have lately been projected, so to speak, into the atmosphere which pervades and envelops our daily existence. One would, I suppose, be called political in its origin and the other industrial, but their resemblance is very curious and striking, and they must, I think, be taken as a remarkable sign of the times.

Ladies and gentlemen, I need not remind you that for nearly forty years you have shared not only the anxieties but the profits of your business with your employees. And during that period they have been not only employees but shareholders like yourselves. For many years also they have shared the responsibilities of management by electing directors to this board as do you yourselves. In those years we have not only enjoyed industrial peace but industrial help likewise from the great mass of our employees. If no great fortune can be made to-day in the gas industry it has, on the other hand, brought good fortune to many thousands of workers therein, and among all industries it has furnished the finest example of co-partnership between Capital and Labour which time only strengthens.

EXAMPLES OF CO-OPERATION.

I could give you many examples of this. The first will easily appeal to all of you. You will remember the disastrous flood which took place in the Metropolis early last month. Fortunately none of our works sustained damage and but little inconvenience, and we were fortunately able to maintain a full supply of gas during the occurrence, although many areas were flooded. Indeed, though little publicity was given to the fact, very great distress was occasioned in some of the poorer areas of South London. You will be interested to hear that apart from the contribution of the Company our employees alone collected voluntarily among themselves no less an amount for the relief of the distress than £118.

As another example I will give you that of industrial accidents. I was struck the other day by a remarkable appeal addressed by the Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, to the Industrial Welfare Society in the matter of industrial accidents. We had a remarkable experience in regard to this matter soon after 1914, when so many of our co-partners joined the Colours. In a comparatively short time our accidents more than doubled. Now this was not due to badly designed or inefficient plant, but to the greater carelessness of our temporary employees. It has taken a long time to get straight again, but I am glad to say we are now down below pre-war figures.

ELIMINATION OF ACCIDENTS.

The most potent factor in bringing about this reduction has undoubtedly been the holding of inquiries into all accidents which necessitate absence from work, as well as such others as may have had serious characteristics. Juries of twelve workmen, provided in rota from a panel in which various departments are represented, examine witnesses, discuss in private, and return verdicts and make recommendations. The system has worked admirably for a great many years, and if generally adopted would, in my opinion, achieve more useful results than could be possibly obtained even by a large army of inspectors under an Act of Parliament. Theoretically, it should be possible to eliminate all accidents; in practice it is impossible. One has only to compare the number of street accidents with factory accidents to realise how true it is that individual carelessness claims most victims. We get many useful suggestions from our employees for reducing risk of life and limb, but though the co-partnership spirit is responsible for much of the good work we have been able to perform it will be a bad day for co-partnership if it is ever made compulsory instead of voluntary.

THE OUTLOOK.

In conclusion, you may put the vital question to me: What are the prospects of our undertaking? I think they are perfectly healthy. There is one point to particularly bear in mind. This is that nowhere in the world has gas supply been developed with the same skill and to the same extent as in Great Britain, where one company alone distributes as much energy as all the power stations and super-stations together from John o' Groat's to Land's End.

The report and accounts were adopted, and a resolution was passed approving a Bill in Parliament to extent the limits of the Company's supply and to increase its capital powers.

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A POSTCARD DRAMA

THERE are some things that would appear to be unforgiveable. Yet at times forgiveness is given when it would seem to be well-nigh impossible. Then Fate intervenes and forgiver and forgiven find their path made easier than was expected

THE eternal triangle is responsible for many a broken heart. I had met with its devastating work before and here I had encountered it again. In my room sat a young, attractive girl who introduced herself as Jenny.

She looked not a day older than nineteen, and yet she told me that her age was twenty-five and that she had been married for six years. She talked about herself a good deal and it was some time before she alluded to the real object of her call.

Then suddenly, as though stung by a painful memory, she started to cry. In between her sobs the whole tragic story was disclosed. "I'm in trouble," she wailed, "terrible trouble, and I don't know what to do." She buried her face in her hands in an attempt to hide her shame.

In the next few minutes I listened to this pitiful story. She was expecting to become a mother and her husband was not the father of the child. She had married a soldier, who, eighteen months before, had been sent on service to China.

The grip of remorse

He had written to say that he expected to be home again very shortly, and this girl-wife had thrilled at the prospect of having her man with her once more. Then came tidings that his regiment was not to be relieved, and in the bitter disappointment she lost her head.

In her loneliness she met a man who declared he was lonely too, and the outcome was seen in her call upon me. "What am I to do?" sobbed this girl bitterly. "It will break my husband's heart when he knows I have not kept straight."

It was, indeed, a problem, and for a few minutes I knew not what to say. Then I enquired not unkindly, "What would you like me to do?" She dried her eyes and composed herself.

"I have just heard that he left Shanghai a week ago and will be back in a month from now," she went on quietly. "He is so excited at the prospect of coming back to me, but God knows what he'll say when he hears I've played him false."

And the fever of remorse held this girl firmly in its grip. She had done wrong, but she was paying a heavy price for her folly. There seemed to be only one course open to her. "Wait until your husband arrives," I advised, "and then tell him everything. Probably he'll forgive you when he knows."

Conditional forgiveness

Jenny started to cry again. "He'll never do that," she sobbed; "I know he won't." Then I went on, "If he will not forgive you he may divorce you and allow you to marry the father of your child."

Into the eyes of my visitor came a tragic stare. "Divorce me?" she stammered; "marry the other man?—why, you don't understand. I don't love him, I love my husband." "If you love your husband," I retorted, "you will be frank with him."

And before she went away, Jenny promised that she would follow my advice.

Many a time did I ponder over that human drama and wondered how it would all end. Then a fortnight ago, when I had almost given up hope that I should ever hear again from her, Jenny was announced.

She started by telling me that arrangements had been made for her to be admitted into a maternity hospital.

"Your husband is home now?" I enquired, and a faint blush coloured her pale cheeks. "Yes," she said, "he was very angry at first, but he's forgiven me now if I agree to send the child away to a home."

Philip Inman

A tender flame leapt into her eyes as she went on quietly. "It's going to be very hard. You see, I've never had a child, though I've always wanted one, and it won't be easy parting with the little mite."

And as she went away I thought not so much of this girl nor of her soldier husband, but of the little unwanted babe that against its will was being ushered into a drab and dreary world.

I might have spared myself that foreboding, for Fate has intervened and solved the problem in its own way. The other day I had a postcard from that maternity hospital. It had on it just one sentence: "Two days ago my baby was born—dead."

The Sentence of the Court

JAWING THE JOBLESS

A Welsh (Mud)-Slinger

"SEVEN days without the option," snapped A. M. Pilliner, when asked how he pleaded to a charge of forging and uttering a slander affecting 1,162,200 British citizens.

Before the judge could decide whether this plea was due to weakness of intellect (if any) or calculated impertinence, Mr. Strawsplitter hastily explained that it was due to absent-mindedness.

His client was chairman of the Cwmbran (South Wales) Bench, and, finding himself in a court, had forgotten that, on this occasion, he was in the dock.

"I have no difficulty in believing in the absence of the prisoner's mind," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "but what he lacks in mentality he makes up for in loquacity.

"His astonishing effort at wholesale slander was launched when a collier, who had been out of work for two years, was charged with stealing coal to the value of one shilling sterling.

"We all know that coal nowadays is coal, and doubtless Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefold can ill afford to lose even a bob's worth of the precious stuff. But the egregious Pilliner, instead of just pronouncing sentence of death, proceeded to belabour the malefactor with the jawbone of an ass.

"'I have lived in this district all my life,' he informed the cowering culprit, 'and the men I know as good men are nearly all employed. I hear employers say they cannot get men to work for them. There is work to be had and good men can get it directly. You people sit round and wait for something to fall from heaven.'

"There was more to the same effect, which must have proved slightly irritating to some dozens of Cwmbran men who had stood in the rain outside the local chemical works, from 7 a.m. till 4.30 p.m., in the hope of obtaining employment.

"I submit that, not only on these unfortunates, but on the unemployed throughout the kingdom, the words of this Welsh slinger of verbal mud constitute a grave slander."

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Mr. Strawsplitter admitted that his client had gone a little far in asserting that there was plenty of work for "good men," thereby implying that those out of work were children of Belial. But it was to Mr. Pilliner's credit that he had not confined himself to destructive criticism, but had put forward a constructive suggestion. "Make it your business to get efficient at some kind of work," he had told the culprit, "and you will get work."

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"What is chiefly remarkable in the discourse which forms the basis of this charge," said Mr. Justice Bull, "is that Pilliner, when dealing with the theft of a shilling's worth of coal, treated the unhappy wretch as though he had been charged with what in Pilliner's eyes is doubtless the much more discreditable crime of being unable to get work.

"I know there are people who would like to make unemployment a criminal offence. But this is not likely to be done, if only because some of the highest in the land would find themselves in the dock, either for being habitually unemployed or for having, by shameful neglect and mismanagement, rendered others unemployed.

"I am quite unable to accept the alleged 'constructive suggestion,' referred to by defending counsel, as mitigating the seriousness of this slander. What in heaven's name is the use of telling a man to make himself efficient at his trade when for two years he has been denied the opportunity of practising it?

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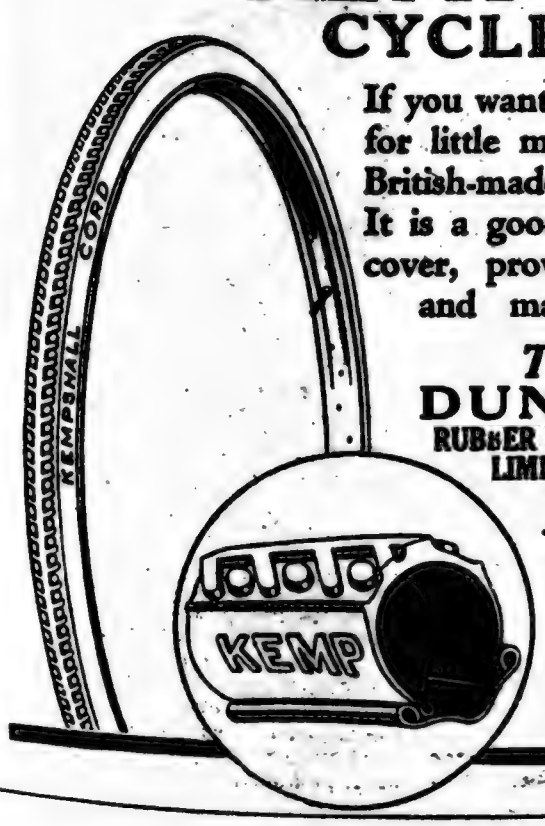

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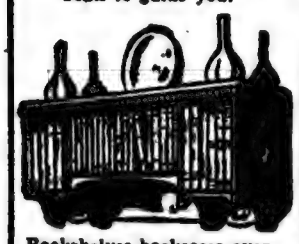

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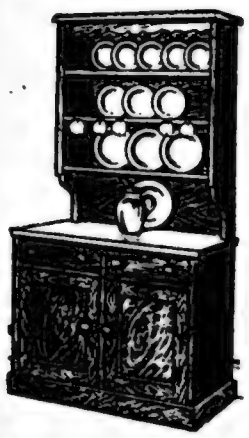

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THE MISSING FINGER-POST

by MABEL HORNER

"THE people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Those that reject knowledge are themselves rejected. The people that doth not understand shall fall"

A GREAT many children are not brought up. They scramble up as best they can by themselves. They are not even given by their parents that which costs nothing but effort—namely, a good example.

The other night I stood in an underground station when four little boys, aged from eight to ten, came rattling down the long staircase and flung themselves on to the platform in a tumultuous bunch as the train rattled in.

They rushed into the train, noisy and shouting. They played gymnastics on the hanging straps and shook the connecting doors until a conductor looked in and scolded them roundly. They resumed bad behaviour the moment he departed.

Two stations further on they got out, and so did I, for I had to wait for a connecting train. But the group of little boys, having completed their journey, did not depart. It was not the rush hours and no porter was in evidence. Here was a chance for more mischief.

Menace and nuisance

All four children jumped the line, reached an aperture and stamped and shouted until a glimmer in the tunnel warned of another train's approach. They clambered back and bolted. I held my breath, afraid of interfering lest they should touch the live rail. It was only by a miracle they escaped electrocution.

A passenger standing near me breathed relief as they disappeared and turned saying, "My word, I shouldn't like the job of looking after those children." Well, I should, had I been their mother. They were lively, intelligent little dare-devils, whose only sin was ignorance; victims of the complete neglect of their parents.

They were dirty. They were of different parentage, and had not shared among them enough mothercraft to pull their rags together with one stitch nor enough fathercraft to teach them the difference between good behaviour and bad.

They had not been taught that to live a social life one must try to be part of a harmonious whole. They were wild hooligans making themselves a menace and an intolerable nuisance.

Sir George Newman

Yet each had been brought into the world by two people who had undertaken a most mighty duty. It had taken two people to dump each child into the world. The two then left the world to make what it liked of their creation.

The State may take those children. State schools, State institutions, even State prisons, will be at their service to restrain and try to mould them into men. It is right that the State, in view of the tremendous potentiality of each child, should direct its efforts not with parsimony, but good will.

But these efforts are frustrated when parents start young their voyagers on the great road to eternity without providing finger-posts for their guidance. That is the one great crucifying fact for all neglected children, for no State will ever be able to fill and round out childhood into golden hours and happy days as can devoted, wise parents.

Do not object that extreme poverty prevents good mothering and good fathering. That is a thing before which poverty shrinks powerless. Some of the most well-doing young people in London to-day are children of parents as poor as church mice.

But these parents realised that every child they brought into the world with care and thought brought its own wealth with it. "Not entirely naked do we come." A baby well-born brings healthd limbs, clear eyes, developing strength any intelligence.

Good Investment

That is wealth. It is wealth that every child brings with it into the world if it is well-born. It is the only capital that can be invested with certainty of good return. It is the capital by which all other wealth is turned from raw material into usable goods.

Therefore, guard well the baby's health of body, soul and spirit. Guard the child's moral health. It will be easier if his bodily health is right first.

Sir George Newman has just written a little book on health education. It is a book published by the State for both parents and teachers, and costs sixpence. I wish every father and mother in the land would read it.

If I was a mother who had read that book and brought up my children by its precepts, and then found that overcrowding and lack of employment or any other social evil was handicapping my efforts, I would make the life of every Member of Parliament a burden until my children got their chance.

If every parent felt proper responsibility they would do this; and it would be impossible for any Government to ignore them.

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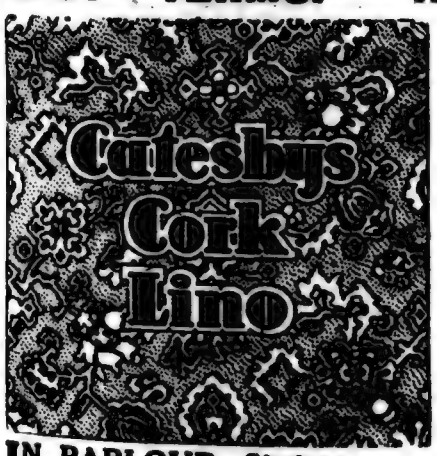

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"FOR the sake of other girls who may be led into the same sort of trap as myself, I feel I must tell the unvarnished truth about the life a girl is made to lead as the wife of an Oriental.

"Less than a year ago, I married an Egyptian. During our brief courtship this Egyptian behaved like a thorough gentleman. He stayed with my parents for a little while, and they were just as charmed as I was by his thoughtfulness and manners.

"He gave us to understand that his father was a well-to-do merchant, who would take him into his business and give him a handsome allowance, so that I had the brightest anticipations of the sort of life to which I was going when we sailed for Egypt a week after we were married.

"On arrival, I discovered that my husband's home was nothing but a filthy hovel in the native quarter of Cairo, which was a centre of the white-slave traffic.

"I was forced to eat native food or starve, and compelled to wear the heavy black veil worn by native women, so that I seemed to be in perpetual darkness instead of the brilliant sunshine to which I had looked forward.

"ON the few occasions when my husband took me out I followed him like a slave. At other times he sent me out with his mother, who went to places even more filthy than the one I was forced to call my home.

"I never knew a day's health or happiness. I was brutally beaten with a thick stock, and night after night my husband would come home drunk and threaten to dash my brains out with a brick.

"Months of this awful life broke my health completely, and I was forced to go into a native hospital. While I was convalescent some English tourists discovered my terrible plight and provided the means for me to get back home.

"During my horrible honeymoon I discovered that my husband, who described himself as a bachelor, had been previously married to an Egyptian woman.

"Will this enable me to obtain my freedom or must I remain tied to such an unspeakable wretch? I am only just twenty-one."

"HUMANIST" says . *I cannot withhold sympathy from you, though I have repeatedly warned my readers of the tragic folly of marrying Orientals. But while there may be some excuse for young girls blinded by the glamour of the East, there is none for parents who consent to such marriages. You should consult a solicitor regarding regaining your freedom. If it cannot be obtained, you must consider yourself fortunate in having escaped such a life of degradation.*

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"AS a happily married family man, I find myself in great perplexity through having unwittingly, in an effort to better my position, jumped out of the frying-pan into the fire.

A Garden of Lies

"Until a few months ago, I had been employed for nearly twenty years as a gardener in a large private garden. Realising that I could not hope for any further promotion in that situation, I thought I would try to get a place as a single-handed gardener in some gentleman's service.

"I obtained a situation which I thought would prove ideal. I seemed to be getting on well, not only with my work, but also with my employer and with my nearest neighbour, who is my employer's chauffeur.

"A few weeks ago I learned that the chauffeur's wife had told my wife that I was carrying on with one of the maids at the house. This is entirely false.

"To make matters worse, the chauffeur told my employer about it, and my employer went to my wife and asked her if she thought there was anything going on between this maid and myself.

"My wife assured him she did not believe a word of it, and there the matter seemed to end.

"My wife and I are very uncomfortable, however, for we have discovered that it was through similar lies being told that two of my predecessors in the place were forced to leave. What can I do?"

"HUMANIST" says : *You should ask your employer to make a thorough investigation of the charge brought against you, for it involves not only your character, but that of the maid. No reasonable employer can expect you to do otherwise than to take all possible steps to clear yourself from such an unpleasant imputation.*

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"I AM a girl in trouble. The boy is not only willing, but anxious to marry me. His parents, however, refuse to consent to our marriage on account of his age. We are both nineteen.

Winning by Waiting

"His mother says that if we wait a year she will give us sufficient money to start housekeeping properly, but she has the idea that if we marry now we may regret it.

"His father has declared that if we go to the court and get consent to our marriage he will turn him out. His father is in business on his own account, and would not help my boy to get work with anyone else, though he also promises he will help us if we agree to wait.

"I do not seem to be able to make my boy's parents understand that, although we should be very grateful for their money and assistance, I think more of my honour than of their money, and we would rather do without it and marry at once so that our child may be born legitimate. But, of course, it would be very difficult marrying without any means to provide a home."

"HUMANIST" says : *It seems to be a case of winning by waiting. If you marry in a year's time your child will become legitimate by the provisions of the Legitimacy Act, so that the stigma of illegitimacy would be only temporary. It is important, however, that you should obtain maintenance for the child within the year, as otherwise, in the event of the marriage arrangement falling through, you would have difficulty in compelling its father to contribute to its support.*

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"JUST over a year ago my daughter, who was in domestic service with a well-to-do family, made the acquaintance of a relation of her employer, who after a rather rapid courtship proposed marriage and was accepted.

A Jilter Jilted

"The engagement ran smoothly for a few months, but then the young man's ardour cooled and he neglected his courtship.

"For a time he made business engagements the excuse for seeing less of my daughter, but eventually he wrote to her asking for his release as he had met a girl of his own station with whom he had fallen more deeply in love.

"Though it well-nigh broke her heart to do so, she gave him his freedom, but her unhappiness weighed so heavily upon her that her health suffered badly and she was obliged to give up her situation and return home.

"The sequel raises a difficult problem. The young lady to whom my daughter's erstwhile lover transferred his affections has jilted him, and he seeks my permission to help him to effect a reconciliation.

"I feel opposed to this, though my daughter would willingly forgive him. I fear the consequences if I persist in my refusal to allow a renewal of the engagement, for the poor girl seems to be breaking her heart for him."

"HUMANIST" says : *The young man's inconstancy tends to prove that he lacks any deep affection for your daughter, and if she can be brought to realise this, she may cease to grieve over the loss of an unworthy lover. I think you should have a very serious talk with your daughter and get her to see the serious risk of renewing her relationship with a man who has already proved so fickle.*

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"My sister has a maintenance order against her husband, but he has run away to Australia. She is told that it is useless trying to enforce the order while he is in the colonies. Is this true?"

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Golden Silence

"My brother abroad has made a home ready for his wife. Soon after he went away she behaved badly with other men, but on her promise to go straight I refrained from telling him about it. She has kept her promise, but I wonder whether my brother should not know of her behaviour."

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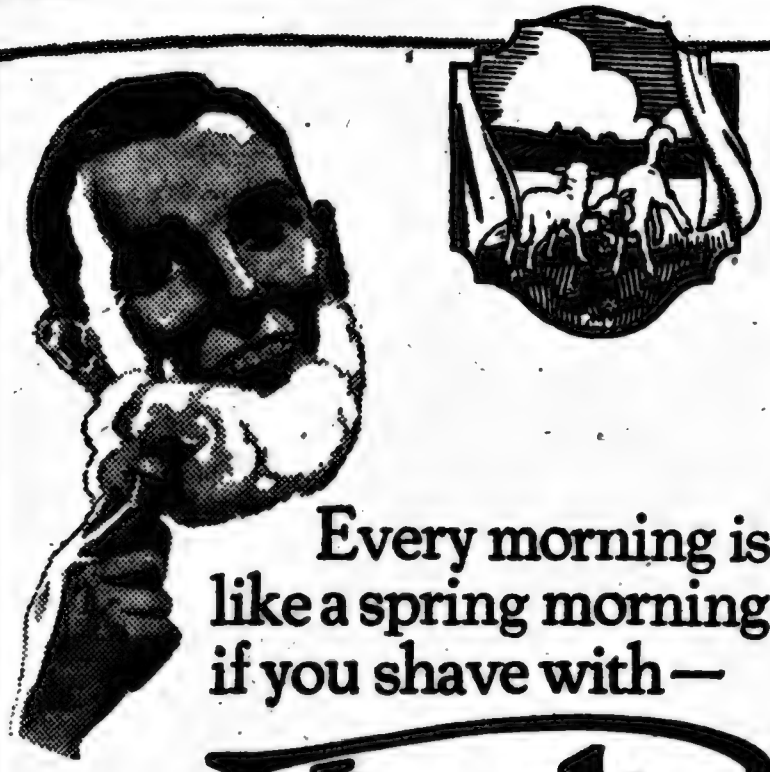

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AINTREE FORM THAT MATTERS

"National" Horses with their Liverpool Records—White Park under a Cloud—But Master Billie Alive—Mr. Pennington's Horses

THE Grand National field is not dwindling to any extent. At the moment of writing, ninety-four of the ninety-six acceptors are still left in, and I have heard it suggested in several quarters that the starter will have fifty or sixty to handle. If this should happen, it will be a case of two deep.

PERSONALLY I anticipated a normal field of about thirty, but when turn-ups occur, such as a hunter of the Nero IV class beating Sprig, owners of the "stumers" can hardly be blamed for having a go.

THE great race is creating more interest than ever, and I have been simply flooded with all sorts of queries. One of my brightest correspondents took advantage of the JOHN BULL Free Advice Service to the extent of asking me to send him the complete form of all the acceptors. Working eight hours a day, this would take the best part of a month, and, of course, it was out of the question. However, I aim to please.

AS a general rule, Aintree form is the thing that matters, and as close on a third of the horses left in have competed in the National in one or more of the races during the past three years, I sent their records over the Liverpool fences. Boiled down, it makes an interesting table and I am publishing it for the benefit of JOHN BULL readers.

IF the London betting is any guide, my doubles for the two big handicaps look healthy, with the exception of White Park. Ten Lincolnshire fancies figured in the first call over, and the only real business done concerned Orbindos. Master Billie, at the head of the "National," was not generally anticipated. He stands a great chance, but when the market widens I shall be surprised if he keeps his place.

CARFAX came into the quotations, and unless better news is forthcoming about White Park, this hunter with a history, and Master Billie, will have to stand for me. White Park has done practically no work since Mr. H. A. Brown found it necessary to pull him up at Newbury, and it looks as if the Aintree bad luck which has dogged the amateur rider's footsteps is going to him in another direction.

I HAVE been asked for further news of Cramick, as the French hope for the Lincoln was backed on the course at the last Haydock Park meeting at 100 to 6 and has been shortening in price ever since.

I CAN only repeat that Cramick's legs are not sound, but that he can be reckoned as a certain starter unless we have another spell of frost. The going on the Carholme is usually soft, so I should not like to rule out the Frenchman. The class is poor, and he seems to me a good each-way bet.

THE COYOTE, who appeared at Windsor, is another whom I consider handicapped before the adjuster of weights plays his part. After his unlucky race last week, a blood stock friend of mine remarked that his legs would give a good vet. fits. Apart from his extremities The Coyote is a nice-looking 'chaser and he showed that he will not lack fitness. However, I think he should be backed for less ambitious races than the Aintree event.

HOW THEY HAVE FARED AT AINTREE.

Amberwave, 1927, baulked. Ardeen, 1926, pulled up; 1925, fell. Ballystockart, 1927, seventh. Bovril III., 1927, second. Bright's Boy, 1927, third; 1926, third. Darracq, 1926, fifth. Drimmond, 1927, fourth. Dwarf of the Forest, 1927, fell; 1926, tenth; 1925, sixth. Eagle's Tail, 1927, pulled up. Grakle, 1927, brought down. Grecian Wave, 1927, fell; 1926, fell. Hawker, 1927, ran out. Jack Horner, 1926, won; 1925, seventh. Keep Cool, 1927, fell; 1925, fell. Knight of the Wilderness, 1927, fell; 1926, fell. Koko, 1926, brought down. Master Billie, 1927, fell; 1926, sixth. Master of Arts, 1927, fifth. Mount Etna, 1926, fell. Shaun Or, 1927, fell. Silver Somme, 1927, refused. Sprig, 1927, won; 1926, fourth; 1925, fourth. Test Match, 1927, brought down; 1926, fell. Thrown In, 1927, fell; 1926, eighth; 1925, fell. Trump Card, 1927, fell. Uncle Jack, 1927, fell. White Park, 1927, brought down, sixth.

BOVRIL III's owner and "National" rider, Mr. G. Pennington, had a narrow squeak when West Countryman came down in a heap on top of him at Windsor, and there was general satisfaction when it became known later that the young soldier-rider was unhurt.

WEST COUNTRYMAN had moved up into second place and held a fine chance until he came to grief at the last fence. Mr. Pennington seems to have a penchant for blind horses, and nearly always rides them himself. He, of course, owns Bovril, blind in the left eye, and West Countryman, blind in the right. The latter is the more recent acquisition, and possibly he purchased him with a view of galloping the pair together.

A LARGE number of my readers will be interested to learn that *The Sporting Life Weekly Racing Guide* resumes publication on Saturday next, March 3, and that in addition to the indexed list of horses and programmes for the following week's racing, a number of new features are being introduced. One of the most popular features of the *Guide* in the past has been the two-a-day code selections. They have been most successful, but this is not surprising in view of the fact that the *Guide* has the benefit of any information obtained by Mr. Meyrick Good—the principal course correspondent of the *Sporting Life*—"Augur," and "Solon," the *Life's* form expert.

MANCHESTER'S executive has followed in the footsteps of Hurst Park and Gatwick, and, as a result, there is yet another good "National" trial taking place this week. The race is a four-mile 'chase and White Park, Sprig, Bright's Boy, Ruddyglow, Silver Somme and Pop Ahead figure in the entries. My fancy is Ruddyglow. He gave Mr. Filmer-Sankey a nasty toss at Newbury last time out, but the turf was all against sane fencing. Annan Dale should win again, and I like what I have seen of Eager Hen, engaged in the Thursday Selling Hurdle.

Mr. Filmer-Sankey

KEMPTON PARK rules the roost on Friday and Saturday, and it is interesting to note the advance Carfax is making in the opinion of the handicappers. In the Coventry 'Chase he figures on the same mark as Bright's Boy—11 st. 9 lbs.—at Liverpool he receives 25 lbs. There are others, of course, but the race should be good for Bright's Boy if he gives Manchester a miss. Other likely winners at the two-day meeting are The Sheriff, Orbita, Gibus and The Mahdi.

"SILVER RING."

Two coded selections will be given daily in *The Sporting Life*.

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The code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from Wednesday, February 29, to Tuesday, March 6.

"Soccer" Selections

WEEK END COUPS.

6 HOME.—Arsenal, Bury, Leeds, Manchester C., Preston, New Brighton.
5 HOME.—Huddersfield, Port Vale, Preston, Lincoln, Gillingham.
4 HOME.—Arsenal, Leeds, Charlton, Aberdeen.
3 AWAY.—Bolton, Oldham, Exeter.
3 DRAWS.—Hull v. Chelsea, Swansea v. West Bromwich, Ashington v. Bradford.
3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Preston, Leeds, New Brighton, Bolton, Tranmere.
1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Queen's Park Rangers, Oldham, Hull v. Chelsea.
SPECIAL 5 HOME (LEAGUES I. AND II.).—Burnley, Bury, Leeds, Preston, Port Vale.

FORECASTS FOR MARCH 10.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

HOME WINNERS.—Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Everton, Huddersfield, Manchester U., Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Tottenham.
AWAY WINNER.—Leicester.
DRAW.—Sheffield W. v. Burnley.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

HOME WINNERS.—Blackpool, Bristol C., Clapton, Notts Co., Oldham, Southampton, Stoke, West Bromwich.
AWAY WINNERS.—Notts Forest.
DRAWS.—Chelsea v. Preston, Reading v. Manchester C.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III.
(NORTHERN).

HOME WINNERS.—Bradford, Nelson, Rochdale, Southport, Stockport, Tranmere, Wrexham.
AWAY WINNERS.—Doncaster, New Brighton.
DRAWS.—Chesterfield v. Ashington, Rotherham v. Accrington.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III.
(SOUTHERN).

HOME WINNERS.—Bournemouth, Brighton, Crystal Palace, Exeter, Millwall, Northampton, Southend, Torquay.
AWAY WINNER.—Plymouth.
DRAWS.—Brentford v. Newport, Luton v. Swindon.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—Aberdeen, Hamilton, Hearts, Kilmarnock, Glasgow Rangers, St. Johnstone.
AWAY WINNERS.—Celtic, Motherwell.
DRAWS.—Clyde v. Queen's Park, Dundee v. Hibernians.

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The Silent Sufferers

Outlaw the Submarine!—Muddled Magistrates—Strangling Knot

N championing the cause of the poorer clergy, Mr. E. Roffe Thompson JOHN BULL, February 18) is doing ndable service. It is a standing judg- ent against the Church that many of r ministers have so small a stipend, tterly inadequate to their position and eeds. If every labourer be worthy of s hire, then surely a clergyman is stly entitled to be raised from some- ing approaching the abject poverty any have to face.—*H. C., Warminster.*

Mistaken Loyalty

A parson's acquaintance with poverty often very real, but probably from a nse of loyalty he is chary of making nown in public the meagreness of his come. The prospect of riches in heaven not so comforting a thought that it holly compensates for poverty on rth. The richest Church in Christen- om should need no reminder that a man ust live to preach.—*L., Liverpool.*

The Missing Spirit

A Church which can devote boundless ergy and unlimited money to Prayer ook squabbles and leave many of its ergy to penury and privation is no nger entitled to respect. No wonder ews are empty and influence declining hen so little of the spirit of its Founder manifest. Charity begins at home, and does practical Christianity.—*A. B., ntersea*

Double-Degree Paupers

The Rev. Gilbert Watling, of Edmonton entioned by Mr. E. Roffe Thompson), hose stipend is given as £96 a quarter, longs to the Church of England. Many inisters in the Welsh Baptist denomina- on have to be content with £35 a quarter. me double-degree men receive this- ncely stipend. The student who eaches on Sunday (in N. Wales) and eds money to carry on must be satisfied th an average of £12 to £15 per quarter. ch is good will.—*Wic., N. Wales.*

The Nimble Threepenny

The laity are certainly to blame for a od deal of the poverty of the clergy. eople go to the theatre and pay five illings to ensure a seat, not always com- rtable at that, and to listen at times to or enunciation of Shakespeare's master- eces. They go to church, expect shioned seats and kneelers, fine oratory, nicely warmed church, a vicar and two three curates (unmarried preferred), d then show their satisfaction by tting a threepenny bit in the offertory- g.—*J., London, N.*

Poor Wife!

A Church of England minister in a large d fairly wealthy district of Scotland ceives the magnificent sum of 40s. per ek, out of which he has to pay 30s. per ek for lodgings, leaving 10s. for clothes, ots, tram-fares, etc., and sending some- ng to his wife. If it were not for his rried son and some friends helping him, u can imagine what his lot would be.— *M., Glasgow.*

Too Silent

The meagre salaries paid to clerics in Church of England is a disgrace to t body, yet much of the blame is ached to the reverend gentlemen them- ves. So long as they remain silent they l suffer. Let them follow the example heir trade-union parishioners, organise mselves, and tell the world from the pit the brutal truth. Only then will discrepancy between the too highly d bishops and the too poorly paid ates be removed.—*J. S. S., Gateshead.*

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Sweated Curates

How can the country curate be expected to sympathise with his poorer class parishioners when he himself is in such dire circumstances? The sooner the Ecclesiastical Commissioners get to work and remedy the grave injustice which is being done so much sooner will the Church become a living force in the country.—*L. B., Rotherham.*

Not Settled Yet

Sir J. T. Walters, in "Pass the Dynamite!" (JOHN BULL, February 18), forgets that of the million houses built more than half were to be sold, not to let. What chance had the working class? The few workers who bought houses by the aid of a mortgage find their mobility in these days of scattered work not to be envied. The housing problem has not yet touched the fringe of those to whom it is a real problem.—*J. S., Sussex.*

Despicable Weapon

The appeal by Mr. A. G. Gardiner in support of Mr. Kellogg's proposal to outlaw the submarine (JOHN BULL, February 18) will find a ready response amongst the masses in this country. We have everything to gain by coming to a full understanding with America on this question. America and Britain combined could demonstrate to France the utter futility of fostering the use of such a despicable weapon.—*T. T., Ovingham.*

By Their Fruits

America proposes the abolition of the submarine, yet intends to augment her fleet to the extent of £148,000,000. Britain agrees with her, and proceeds to launch her latest battleship, costing £7,000,000. Can it be wondered that France disputes our sincerity, and prefers to keep the under-water weapon? Let America join the League, and instead of quarrelling over one weapon, let us propose total disarmament, and lead the way to that desirable end.—*N., New Seaham Colliery.*

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A Poser

Russia is starving because of low output and high production costs. South Wales has over production, low costs and starvation. Will some clever economic expert explain to us working men how it is that these totally different paths have both led to the same place?—*A. S., Worcester.*

Bench Blunderers

In the whole of Scotland there is only one stipendiary magistrate, who sits in Glasgow. In quite a number of cases there has been displayed by lay magistrates in Scots courts a deplorable ignorance of legal procedure. So long as untrained magistrates are allowed to sit on the bench, so long will even the most law-abiding citizens be liable to incarceration. —*Lex, Scotland.*

Foreigners First

As "Our Prince" has become Master of the "Royal Mercantile Marine," I am sure he would desire to be Master of Britishers. In the present state of things this would not be so. With our large list of unemployed, it is a deplorable fact that hundreds of Arabs and foreign-born coloured men are at work, in many cases given preference, in British ships Why should this be so?—*H. G., Essex.*

Useless and Useful

There is some talk of erecting a memorial to the memory of the late Earl Haig. I hope money will not be spent in putting up another of the useless memorials which we now see in such numbers. The Field-Marshal himself would, I am sure, have been the first to suggest that any money subscribed should be used for some useful project, such as a technical or educational centre for ex-Service men.—*T. W. M., Surrey.*

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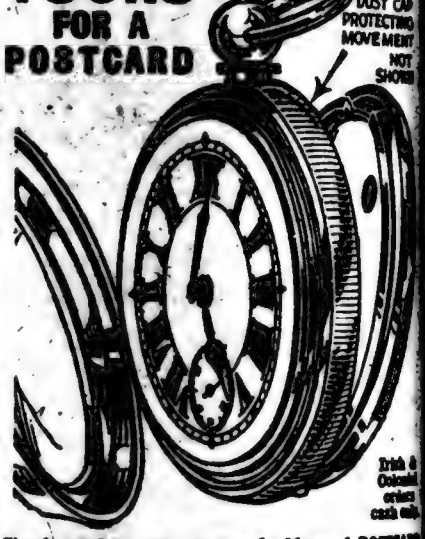

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F. G. (Chiswick).—"What will dissolve gold?" Marriage.

A. P. (Harrogate).—"I took him apart." Are you a surgeon?

K. N. (Raddon).—"How can I become an accurate weather prophet?" Always predict rain.

D. W. (Hayes).—"He's been ill and is now taking an interest in his pretty nurse." Then he's not out of danger yet.

T. V. (Aberdeen).—"Scots are good listeners." Oh, yes. They don't mind paying attention.

Geo. D. (Manchester).—"I never wear a hat." Doesn't the rain make your head warp?

F. N. (London, N.).—"Many girls are becoming waitresses." Some, of course, are more becoming than others.

G. T. (Southport).—"She married a wealthy journalist." He's more than a rare specimen. He's unique.

C. T. (Brighton).—"Who introduced salt pork into the Navy?" Well, Noah took Ham into the Ark.

L. N. (Maidenhead).—"If I came to your office with my poem what would I get?" Out.

T. E. (Halifax).—"Shall I take up a course of memory training?" By all means. You forgot to stamp your letter.

A. N. (Jarrow).—"There are too many unsolved crime mysteries." What do you think should be the correct number?

A. V. (Tooting).—"An uncle of mine has a shop just along the street." At the sign of The Three Brass Balls?

N. T. (Chorley).—"He remembered the lawyer in his will." It would have been all the same if he hadn't.

J. T. (Padstow).—"My business is partly outside and partly in." How awkward for you when the door bangs!

A. N. (Dover).—"In terms of money, what is the enclosed poem worth?" About £0 0s. 0d.

R. E. L. (Maidstone).—"My arguments are pretty well unanswerable," yes, and pretty well illegible.

A. C. (Mortlake).—"I'll write you tons of letters." Do. There's money in stepaper.

A. E. (Sheffield).—"There was a fine hay harvest last year." Did your car contribute to it?

D. B. (Marlow).—"The doctor is sending her again, but I don't know what she's got." Money, we suppose.

Motorist (Sydenham).—"I drove nearly two hundred miles one day last week." Searching for a place to park your car?

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A. T. D. (Wavertree).—"I know myself." You have our sympathy.

L. P. A. (Handsworth).—"He didn't remember me in his will." You mean he only remembered to leave you out.

V. T. (Cheam).—"If you don't answer this letter I'll never write to you again." You can't bribe us that way.

N. C. (Blackheath).—"I dropped the spade on my toe." We'll wager you didn't call the spade a spade then.

Trader (Bolton).—"It takes courage to sell goods at our prices." Well, there's nothing like truth in business.

T. P. (Plaistow).—"After all, politicians are very much like the rest of us." Then heaven help the rest of us.

T. R. (Salisbury).—"You can't bluff me because I know a thing or two." What's the other one?

D. K. (Kilburn).—"I never told lies when I was young." How old were you when you started?

F. A. C. (Wallingford).—"Lots of motor accidents are caused by loose nuts." Especially when they're at the wheel.

N. D. (St. Albans).—"The earth will last several billion years yet." But even that won't prevent some people worrying about it.

Miss F. (Leicester).—"I have bought a very small, second-hand two-seater for Easter." We hope you'll have a rattling good time in it.

Harriet (Golders Green).—"How do you like my little poem 'Side by side waiting for the end'?" It sounds too much like a tin of sardines.

N. H. (Ipswich).—"Happily I am quite aware of my ignorance." And the more you know the more unhappily you will be aware of it.

T. R. (Canvey Island).—"The neighbour's dog keeps our baby awake all night." Are you sure it isn't the other way about?

Mrs. F. (Shoreditch).—"A woman likes a man to have a strong will." Especially if she can induce him to make it in her favour.

Mrs. T. (Hull).—"In my opinion, tall domestic servants are the most energetic." We should have thought they would have been apt to lie longer in bed.

P. B. (Salford).—"If there were no clocks we should have to take our time by the sun." Now and again we would be able to do this.

L. N. (Partick).—"Sometimes your paper gives me a pain." Persevere. In time you'll be able to think without the process hurting you.

A. Y. L. (Gosport).—"I have a reputation for being a most punctual actor." And yet there is always one who is prompter.

H. B. (Victoria).—"They have bought their furniture on the instalment plan." Those plain vans are a give away, aren't they?

Mrs. D. (Saffron Walden).—"The moment a pretty girl comes in my husband seems to forget he is married." On the contrary, we suspect that nothing brings it home to him more forcibly.

F. J. (Widnes).—"If I struck you you'd know all about it." If we hit you you'd know nothing about it.

F. B. (Croydon).—"Why are serial stories unpopular with women?" Because they can't read the end first.

O. T. (Gateshead).—"Why do you sit on my literary efforts?" Because they lack point.

H. Y. (Peterborough).—"I was wrapped in my thoughts." You must have been cold!

Mrs. E. (Margate).—"There is no certain return for anything to-day." Ever tried a bright smile?

Miss W. (Skipton).—"I am very ambitious to write a book." That's a novel ambition.

M. Y. (Hastings).—"As a rule, little men are good-tempered." Well, they have to be, don't they?

Mrs. F. (Ealing).—"I got a model gown for a song at the sales." You mean you got it for a ridiculous figure?

Mrs. L. (Battersea).—"I don't believe this story of a haunted house." Because the spirit won't spook when spoken to.

J. J. (Swindon).—"The most piercing of all whistles is that emitted by a locomotive." The challenge is hereby accepted by our office boy.

Mrs. R. (Ripon).—"One must make allowances for young men." And the more you make the quicker they'll spend them.

A. G. C. (Coventry).—"I fished all day without getting a bite." Now we dare the Yanks to brag about their George Washington!

L. C. (Greenock).—"I suggest the broadcasting of Parliamentary debates." Evidently you'd like to see the end of wireless.

H. E. (Wallingford).—"I don't know how to finish this play." That doesn't worry most playwrights. They just finish.

Mrs. W. (Keswick).—"My neighbour swanks something awful since she got a cabinet gramophone." Evidently she keeps putting on airs.

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"Yank" (Torquay).—"In America you can travel two days and a night and still be in the same State." We've got trains like that, too.

F. B. (Liverpool).—"Gravity is the force that holds everything in this world down." Then why does it never think of prices?

S. N. (Margate).—"My wife doesn't know what I suspect about her." And we'll bet you don't suspect what she knows about you!

Miss G. (Marsden).—"I am going to marry a self-made man." We hope you'll try and undertake extensive alterations.

T. F. (W. 6).—"Somebody should publish a cinema 'Who's Who.'" What Hollywood needs most is a "Who's Whose."

P. N. (Perth).—"Our laws are strong." But so easily broken!

Trader (Chorley).—"I made a good deal." Then you made a good deal.

G. F. (Leighton Buzzard).—"Which is the quickest way to remove paint?" Sit on it and get up quickly.

G. G. (Haworth).—"Since I married I find my salary is not large enough." And it never will be.

J. J. E. (Kew).—"I fear you will be much older before you get my next letter." We hope so.

F. S. (Sutton).—"It has left a slight scar on my head." Oh, that's next to nothing.

W. H. T. (Morecambe).—"I am looking for an artist to paint my wife." Can't she paint herself?

C. C. (Pitsmoor).—"My wife must think I am made of money." Do you mean she would like to change you?

K. P. (Crediton).—"When will a champion British heavyweight arise?" After the referee has stopped counting.

F. A. (Cranleigh).—"The good die young." We rather think it's only the young who die good.

B. S. (Bewdley).—"Every one must admit that Ramsay MacDonald speaks straight from the shoulder." Yes; but we like him better when he speaks from a little higher up.

H. L. (Bradford).—"My wife lets information go in at one ear and out of the other." Much better than letting scandal go in at two ears and rush out through the mouth.

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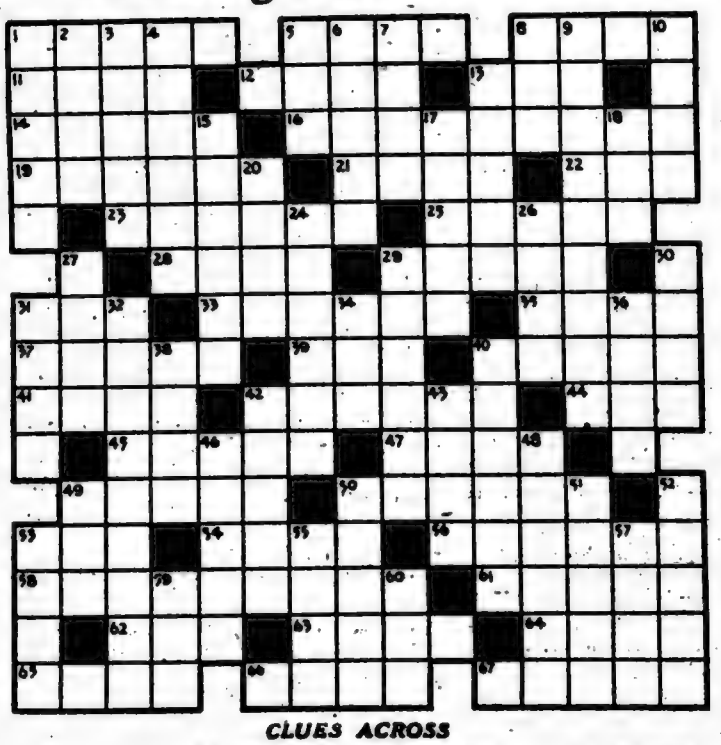

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1. Knight of the road.
5. Cleanse.
8. Scheme.
11. Trust.
12. Ornament.
13. French coin.
14. African antelope.
16. Broke away.
19. A section.
21. Medley.
22. Wrath.
23. Played upon by the wind.
25. A fool.
28. Quarter of acre.
29. Active.
31. Performance.
33. Extreme.
35. Ultimate end.
37. Part of a church.
39. Ailing.
40. Rude man.
41. Retain.
42. Trial.
44. Speak.
45. Weird.
47. Paradise.
49. Fragile.
50. Screw-like.
53. By way of.
54. Ancient Sanskrit hymns.
56. A harangue.
58. To hand over a criminal to another country.
61. Tendrils.
62. Fish.
63. A weather-cock.
64. Eager excitement.
65. Kentish town.
66. Repair.
67. A declivity.

CLUES DOWN

1. A demonstrative.
2. Character.
3. Quick.
4. A friend.
5. Part of verb "to be."
6. Suburb of Birmingham.
7. To fasten.
8. Famous author.
9. Farcical.
10. Sea flow.
13. A nozzle.
15. Sorrow.
17. Central.
18. Before.
20. Commotion.
24. To regard with affection.
26. Near.
27. Reverberated sound.
29. At rest.
30. An associate.
31. A pain.
32. Allowed.
34. Aged.
36. An Oriental
38. A notion.
40. A clergyman.
42. Greased.
43. An approach.
46. Competitor.
48. Nasal.
49. Fasten.
50. The devil.
51. Slow.
52. A colour.
53. A screen.
55. To go deep.
57. Fall.
59. Revolutionary.
60. Finis.

The solution of our last week's puzzle will be found on page 2

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G. DOWLER, 24, Grafton Road, Birmingham.
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(*Continued on page 2*).

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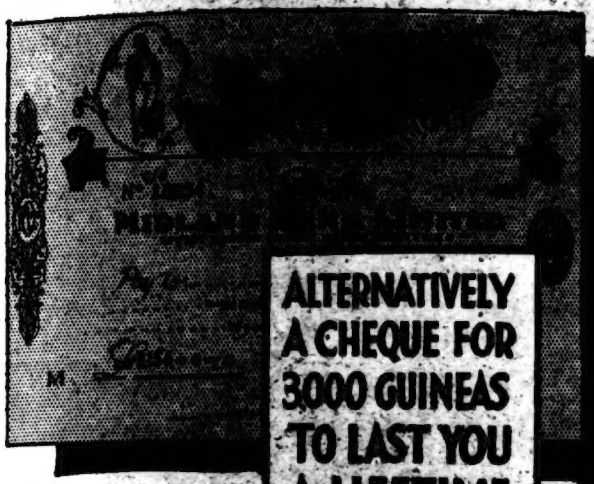

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